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THE INFINITY GAUNTLET



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ALL IS RIGHT IN THE HEAVENS FOR THANOS POSSESSES THE SIX INFINITY GEMS.

THE UNIVERSE
WILL NOW BE SET
RIGHT.

MADE OVER TO
FIT MY UNIQUE
VIEW OF WHAT
SHOULD BE.

LET NIHILISM
REIGN
SUPREME!

Stan
Lee
presents

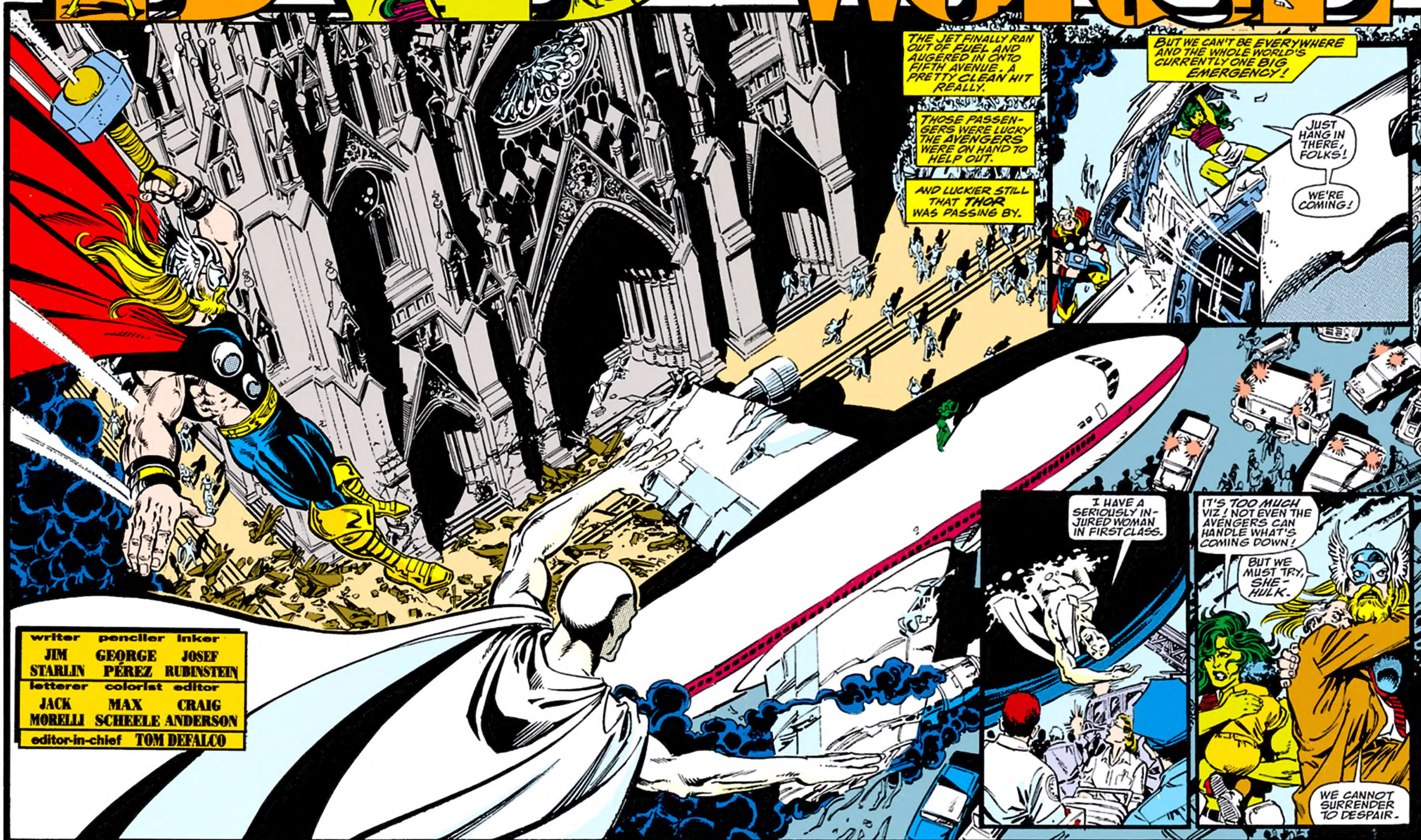
The INFINITY GAUNTLET

FROM BAD

FLIGHT 807 WAS CIRCLING FOR
CLEARANCE TO LAND WHEN...

TO WORSE

...THE GREAT DISAPPEARANCE STRUCK. IT TOOK
OUT BOTH THE PILOT AND CO-PILOT.



THE JET FINALLY RAN
OUT OF FUEL AND
AUGERED IN ONTO
FIFTH AVENUE. A
PRETTY CLEAN HIT
REALLY.

THOSE PASSENGERS
WERE LUCKY
THE AVENGERS
WERE ON HAND TO
HELP OUT.

AND LUCKIER STILL
THAT THOR
WAS PASSING BY.

BUT WE CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE
AND THE WHOLE WORLD'S
CURRENTLY ONE BIG
EMERGENCY!

JUST
HANG IN
THERE,
FOLKS!

WE'RE
COMING!

I HAVE A
SERIOUSLY IN-
JURED WOMAN
IN FIRST CLASS.

IT'S TOO MUCH
VIZ! NOT EVEN THE
AVENGERS CAN
HANDLE WHAT'S
COMING DOWN!

BUT WE
MUST TRY,
SHE-
HULK.

WE CANNOT
SURRENDER
TO DESPAIR.

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WHEN THE FIRST REPORTS OF THE GREAT DISAPPEARANCE COME IN, I'M IN MY OFFICE AT VAUGHN SECURITY SYSTEMS, WONDERING WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP.

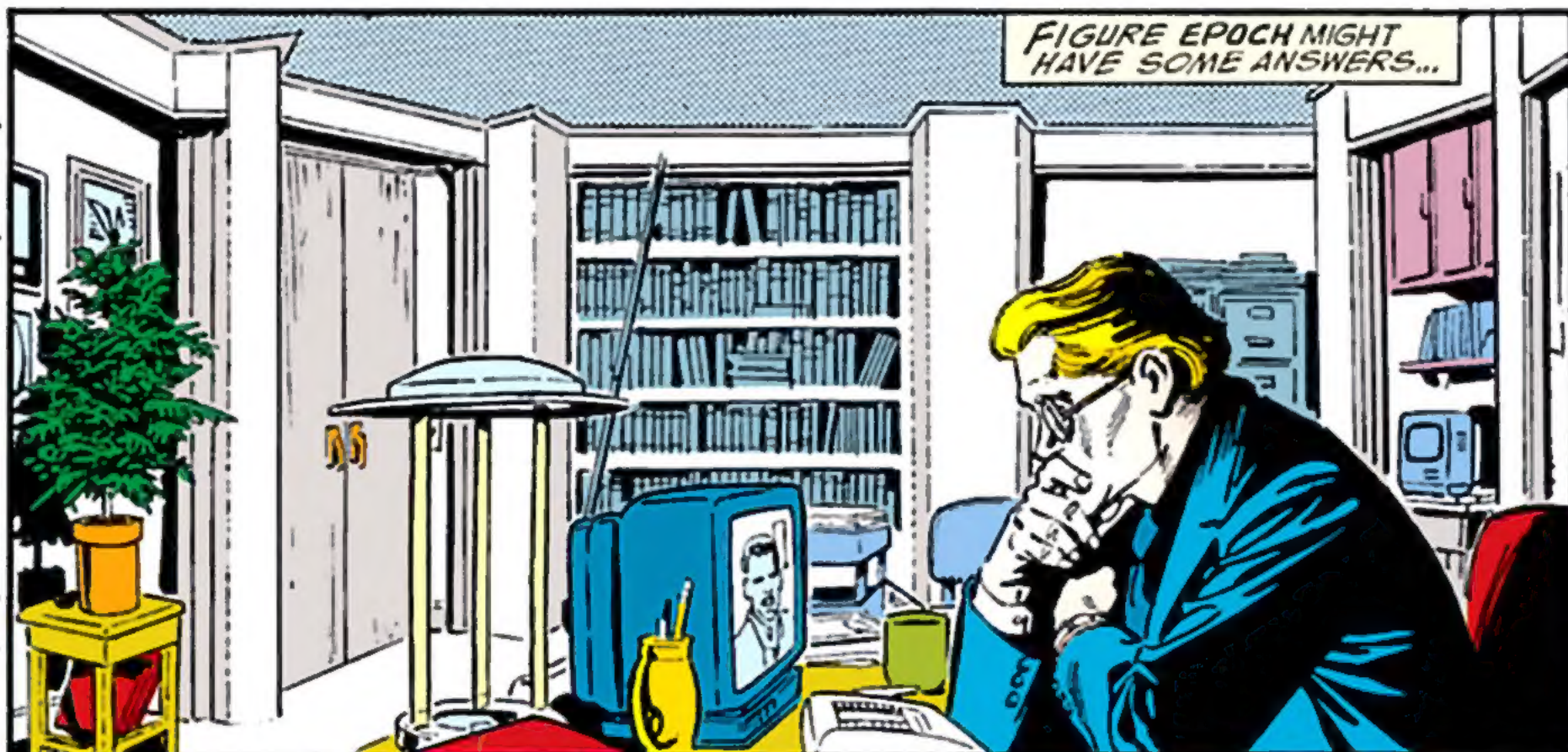
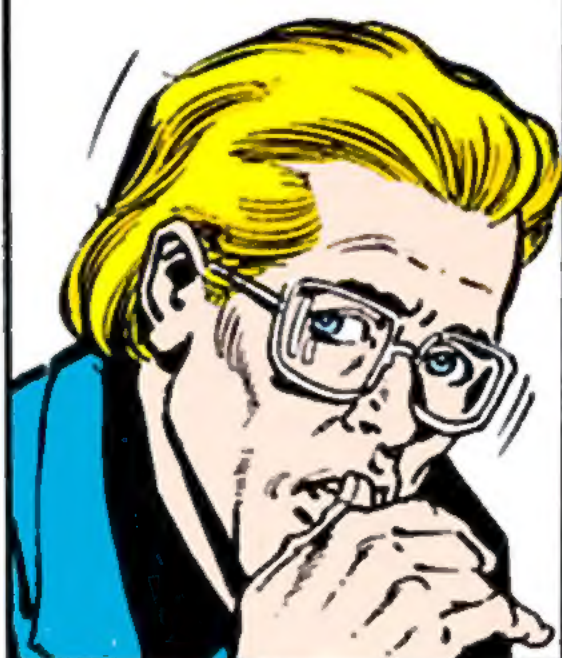


FIGURE EPOCH MIGHT HAVE SOME ANSWERS...

...BUT BEFORE I CAN ASK HIM...



JOIN US, MY CHAMPION...

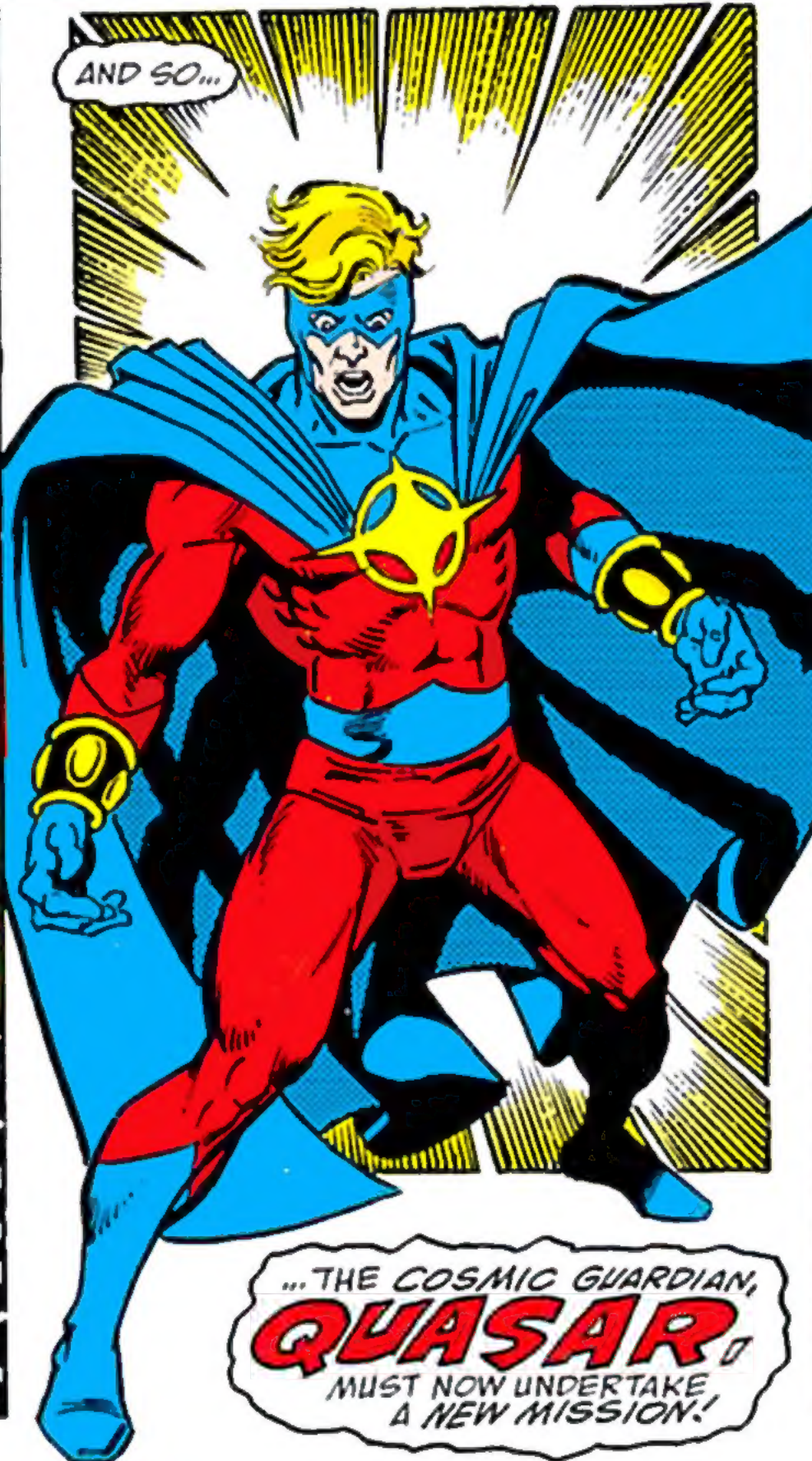


EPOCH?



WHO'S THAT IN THERE WITH YOU?

ONE WHO HAS MADE CLEAR TO ME JUST HOW PERILOUS THIS UNIVERSE'S CURRENT SITUATION IS!



AND SO...

...THE COSMIC GUARDIAN, **QUASAR**, MUST NOW UNDERTAKE A NEW MISSION!



WE'VE AN ASTRAL RENDEZVOUS TO ARRANGE...!

SHIP'S LOG: CAPTAIN
DEA-SEA REPORTING.

BULLETINS CONTINUE
TO FLOOD IN FROM ALL
OVER THE KREE
EMPIRE.

HALF OF OUR
PEOPLE HAVE
MYSTERIOUSLY
DISAPPEARED.

THERE CAN BE NO
DOUBT WHO IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR
THIS OUTRAGE.

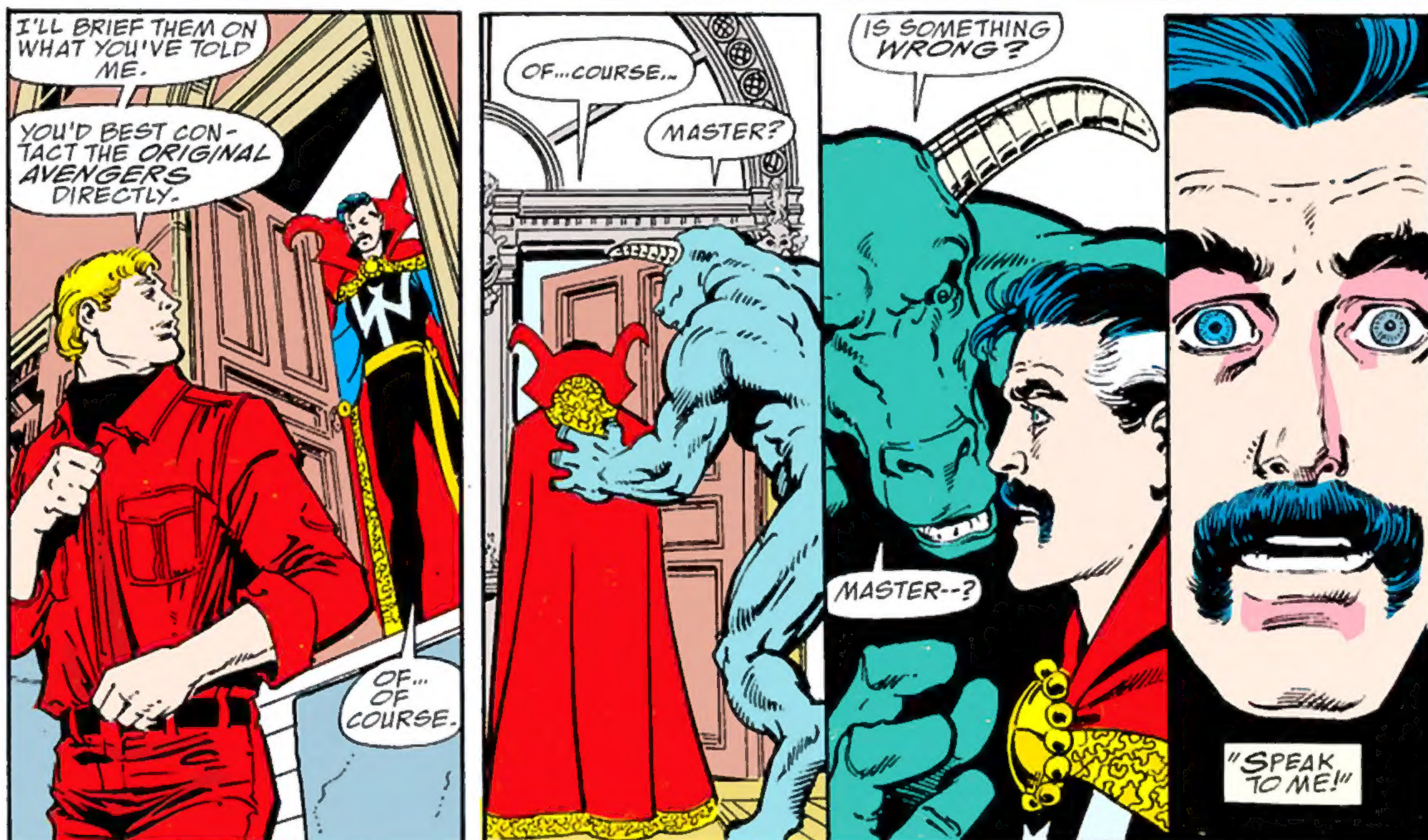
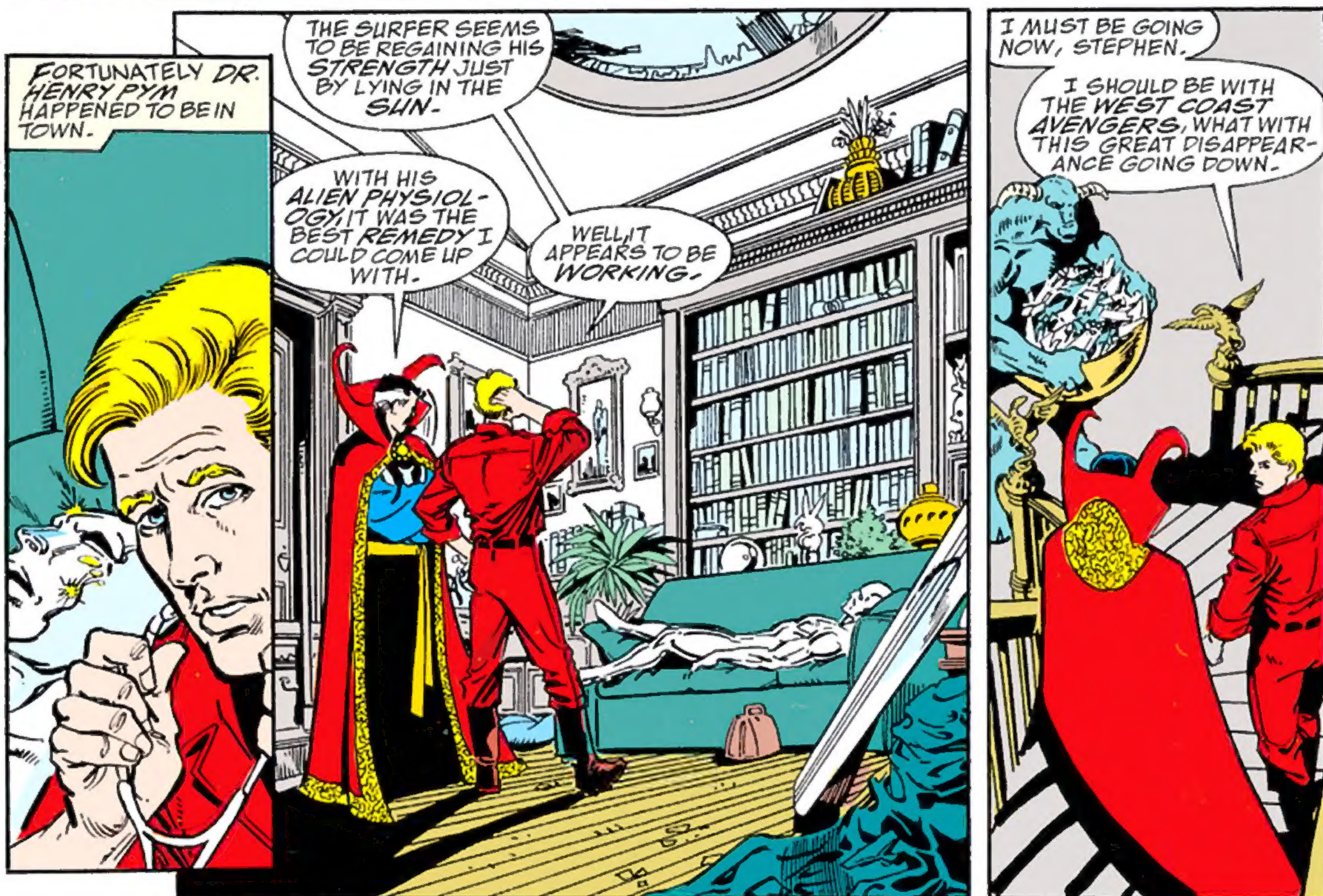
THIS TRAGEDY REEKS
OF SKRULL TREACHERY.

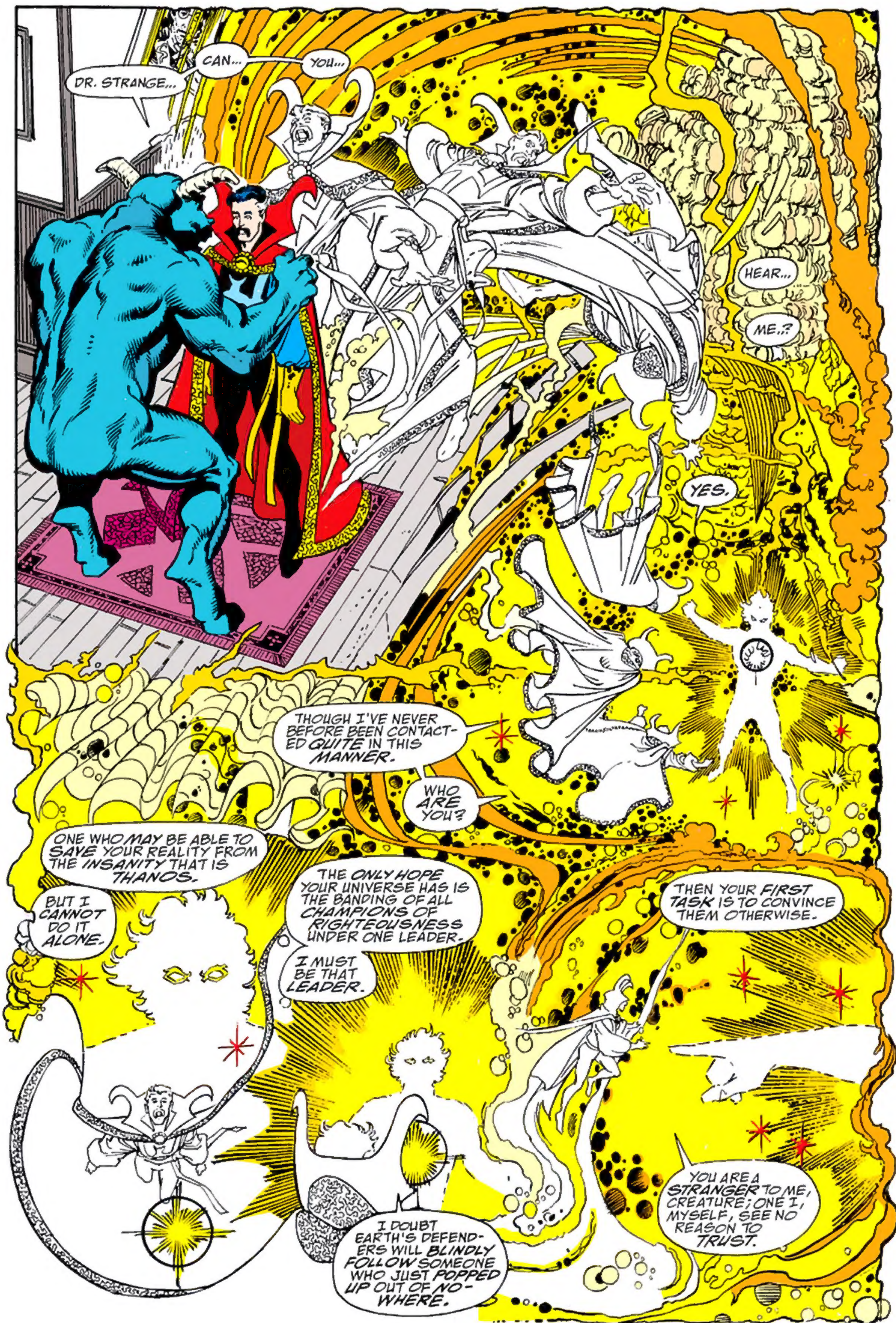
THE ENTIRE FLEET HAS
BEEN PUT ON RED
ALERT STATUS.

THE WAR TO END ALL
WARS BEGINS.

WE GO TO
JOIN THE
ARMADA.

GLORY TO THE
KREE
EMPIRE...!





DR. STRANGE...

CAN...

YOU...

HEAR...

ME...?

YES.

THOUGH I'VE NEVER BEFORE BEEN CONTACTED QUITE IN THIS MANNER.

WHO ARE YOU?

ONE WHO MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR REALITY FROM THE INSANITY THAT IS THANOS.

BUT I CANNOT DO IT ALONE.

THE ONLY HOPE YOUR UNIVERSE HAS IS THE BANDING OF ALL CHAMPIONS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS UNDER ONE LEADER.

I MUST BE THAT LEADER.

THEN YOUR FIRST TASK IS TO CONVINCE THEM OTHERWISE.

YOU ARE A STRANGER TO ME, CREATURE; ONE I, MYSELF, SEE NO REASON TO TRUST.

I DOUBT EARTH'S DEFENDERS WILL BLINDLY FOLLOW SOMEONE WHO JUST POPPED UP OUT OF NOWHERE.

THERE IS A METHOD BY WHICH THAT OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS CAN BE OVERCOME.

I COULD OPEN MY SOUL TO YOU.

BUT IN DOING SO, YOUR SOUL WOULD BE BARED TO ME.

IT'S NOT AN EXPERIENCE I WOULD NORMALLY OPT FOR.

BUT THE DANGER THAT CONFRONTS US IS TOO GREAT.

BE WARNED, THOUGH.

I MUST TAKE THE RISK.

IF I SENSE ANY TREACHERY, YOU SHALL LEARN TO YOUR DISMAY...

WHY I AM KNOWN AS THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS.

SO BE IT.

A MELDING OF SOULS.

ENOUGH!

I DIDN'T REALIZE...

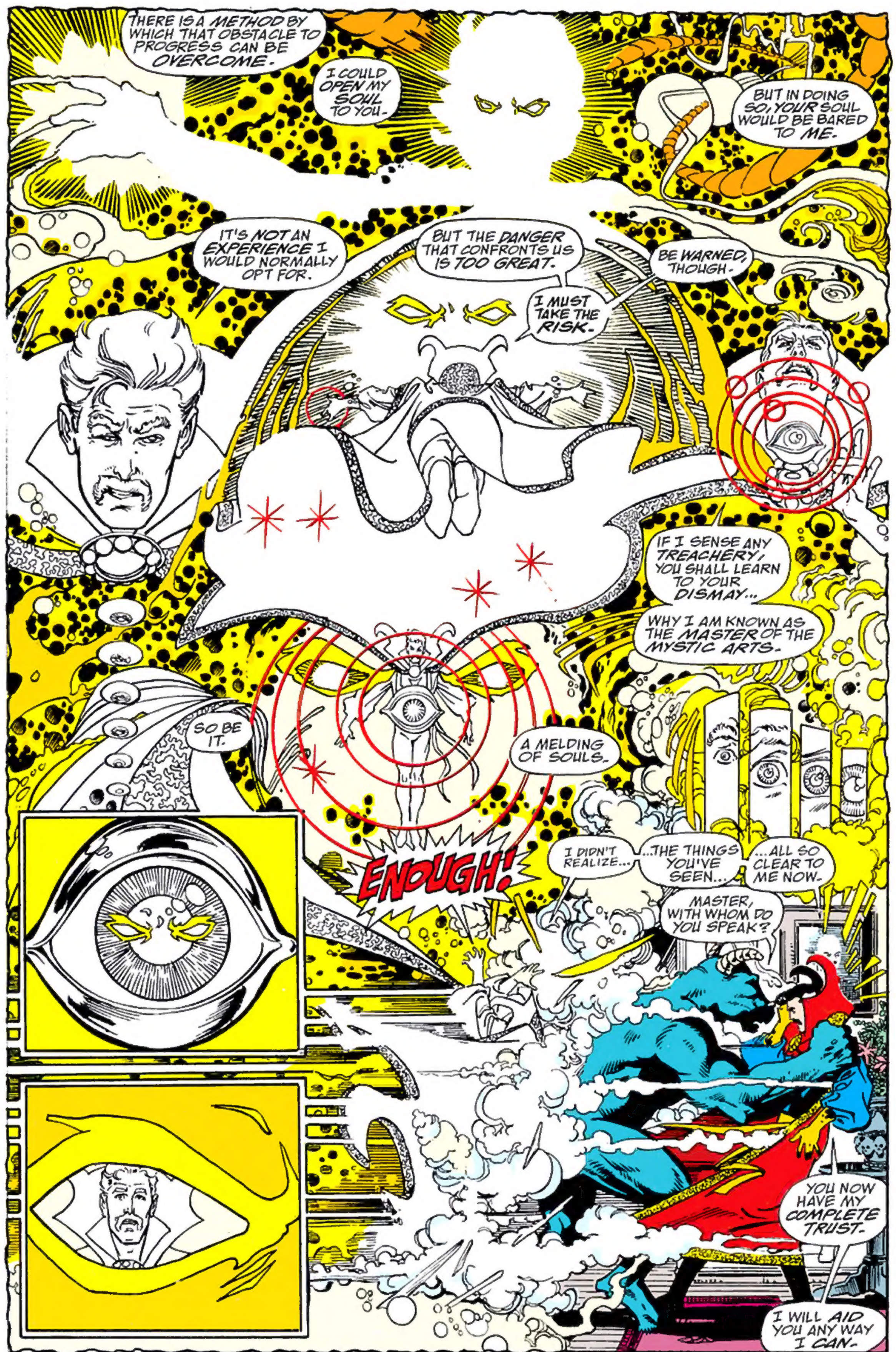
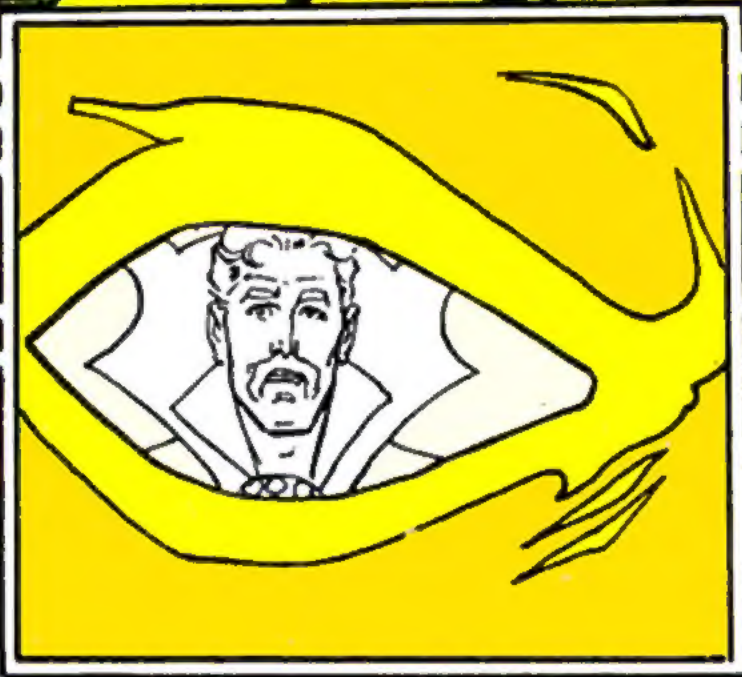
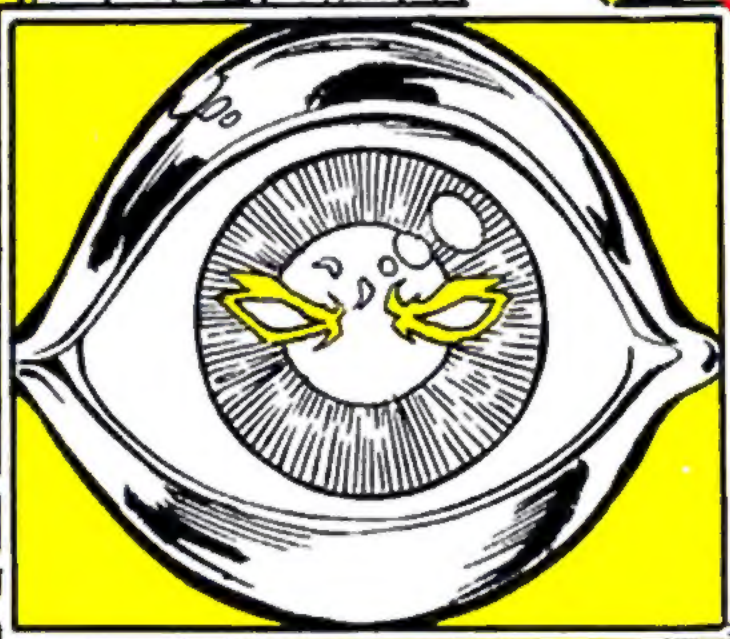
...THE THINGS YOU'VE SEEN...

...ALL SO CLEAR TO ME NOW.

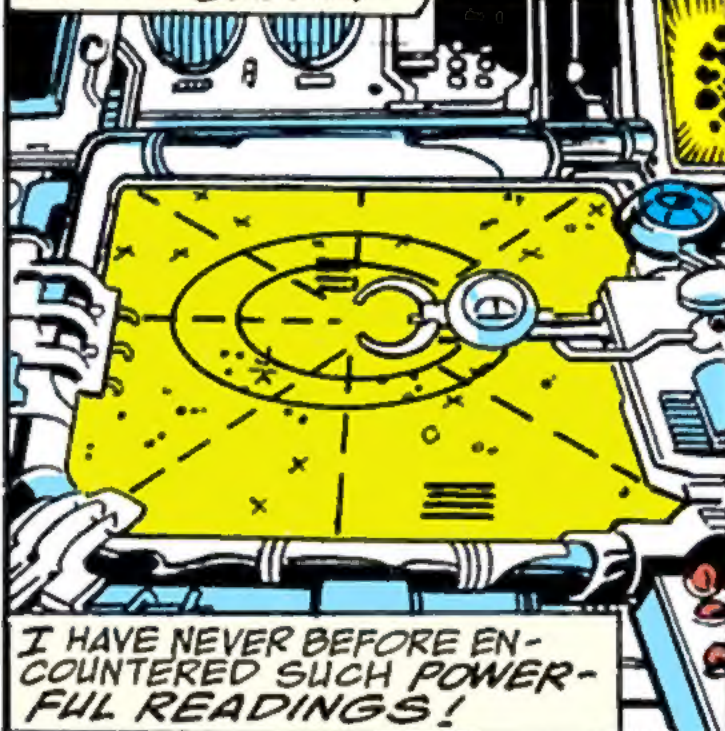
MASTER, WITH WHOM DO YOU SPEAK?

YOU NOW HAVE MY COMPLETE TRUST.

I WILL AID YOU ANY WAY I CAN.

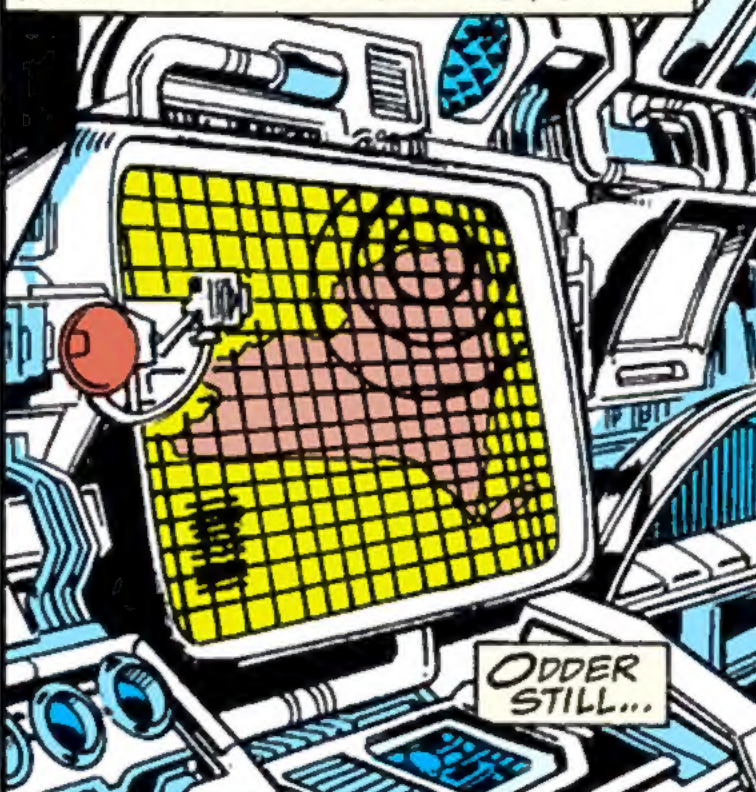


MY INSTRUMENTS INDICATE THAT THE FORCE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GREAT DISAPPEARANCE ORIGINATED ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE GALAXY.



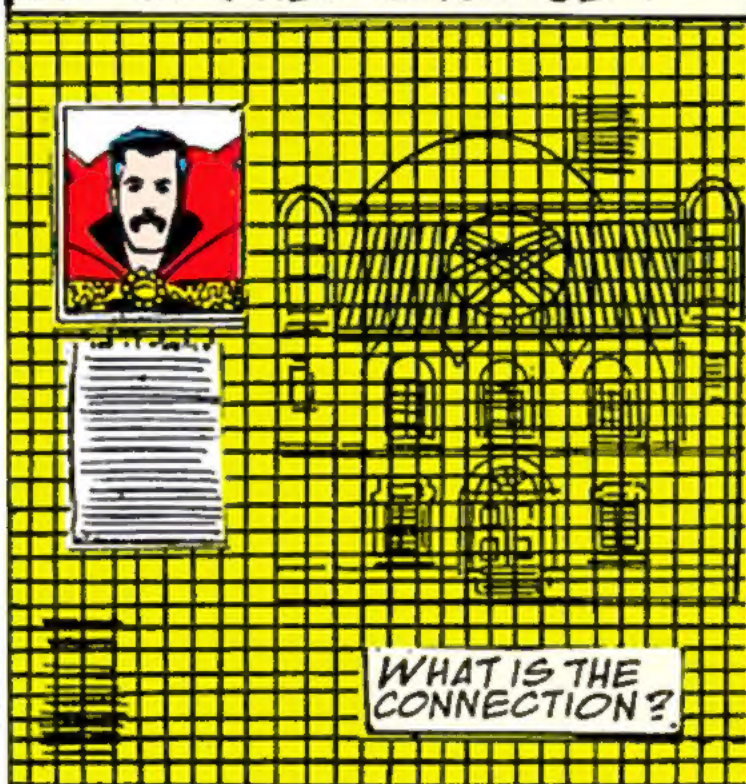
I HAVE NEVER BEFORE ENCOUNTERED SUCH POWERFUL READINGS!

YET I'M PICKING UP SIMILAR EMANATIONS FROM A SMALL TOWN IN UPSTATE NEW YORK.



ODDER STILL...

...THESE TRANSMISSIONS ARE BEING DIRECTED TO THE HOME OF DR. STEPHEN STRANGE.

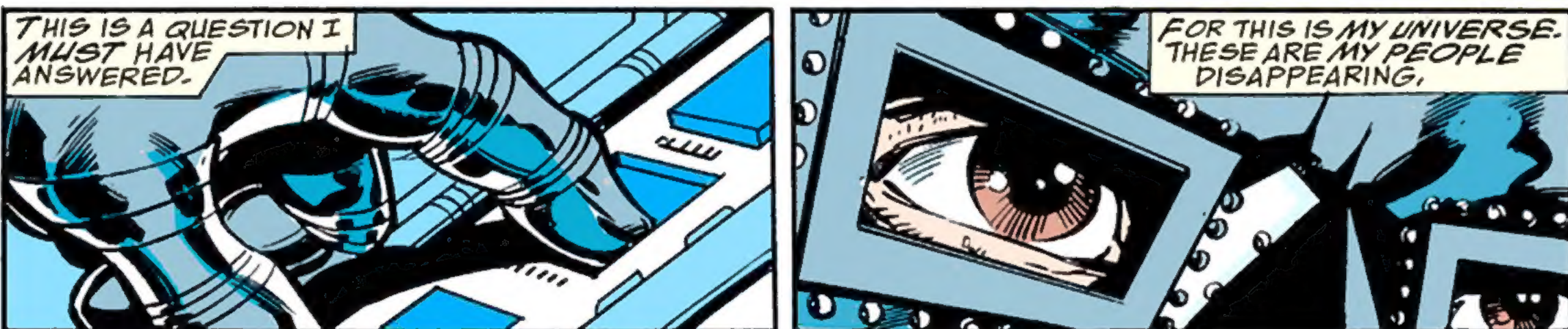


WHAT IS THE CONNECTION?

THIS IS A QUESTION I MUST HAVE ANSWERED.



FOR THIS IS MY UNIVERSE. THESE ARE MY PEOPLE DISAPPEARING.



AND NO ONE SHOULD DARE TAMPER WITH WHAT BELONGS TO **DOCTOR DOOM!**

PLUS, THERE IS THE FACT THAT GREAT DISASTERS OF THIS MAGNITUDE ALSO PRESENT A CURIOUS INTELLIGENCE WITH GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

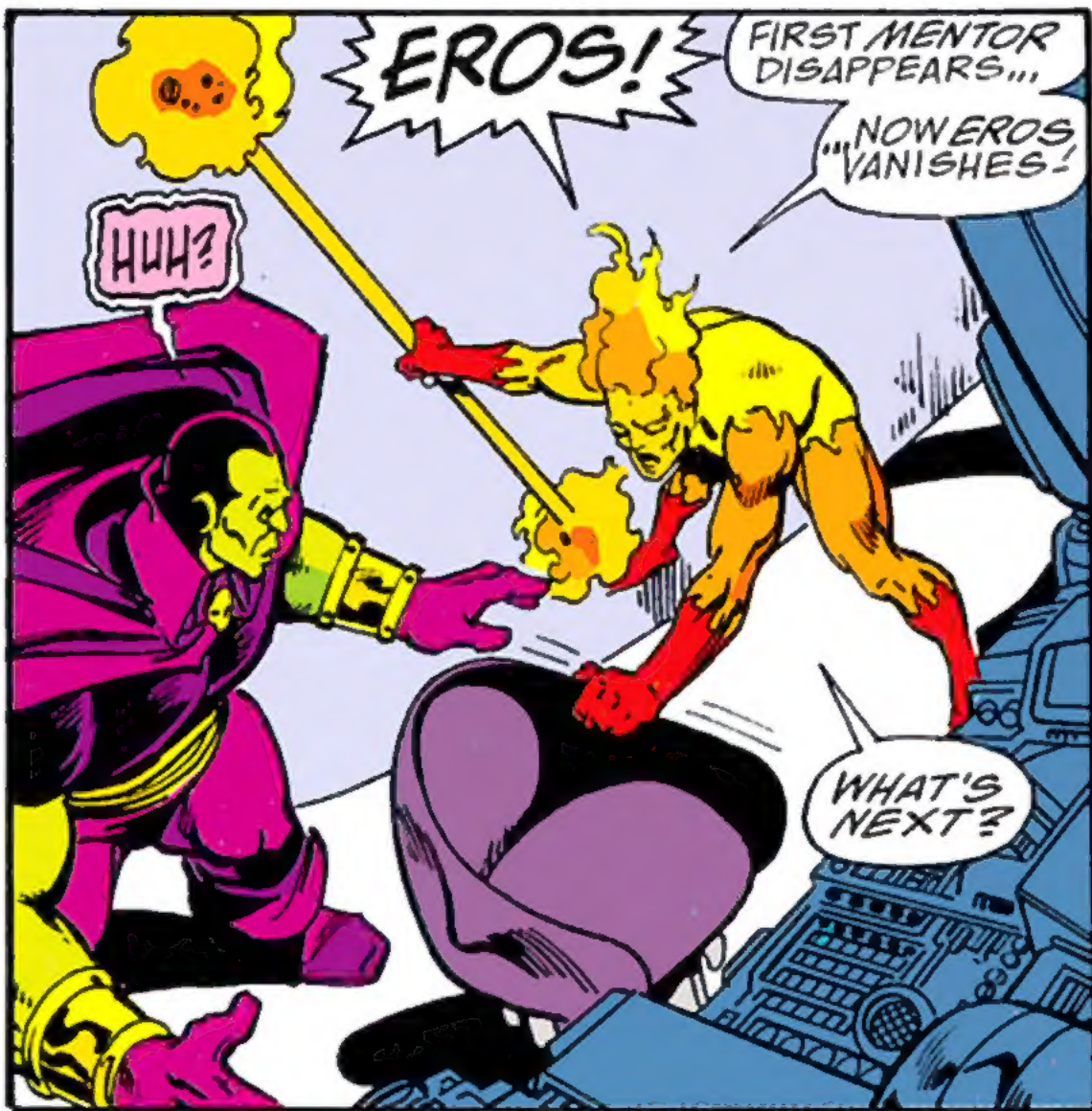
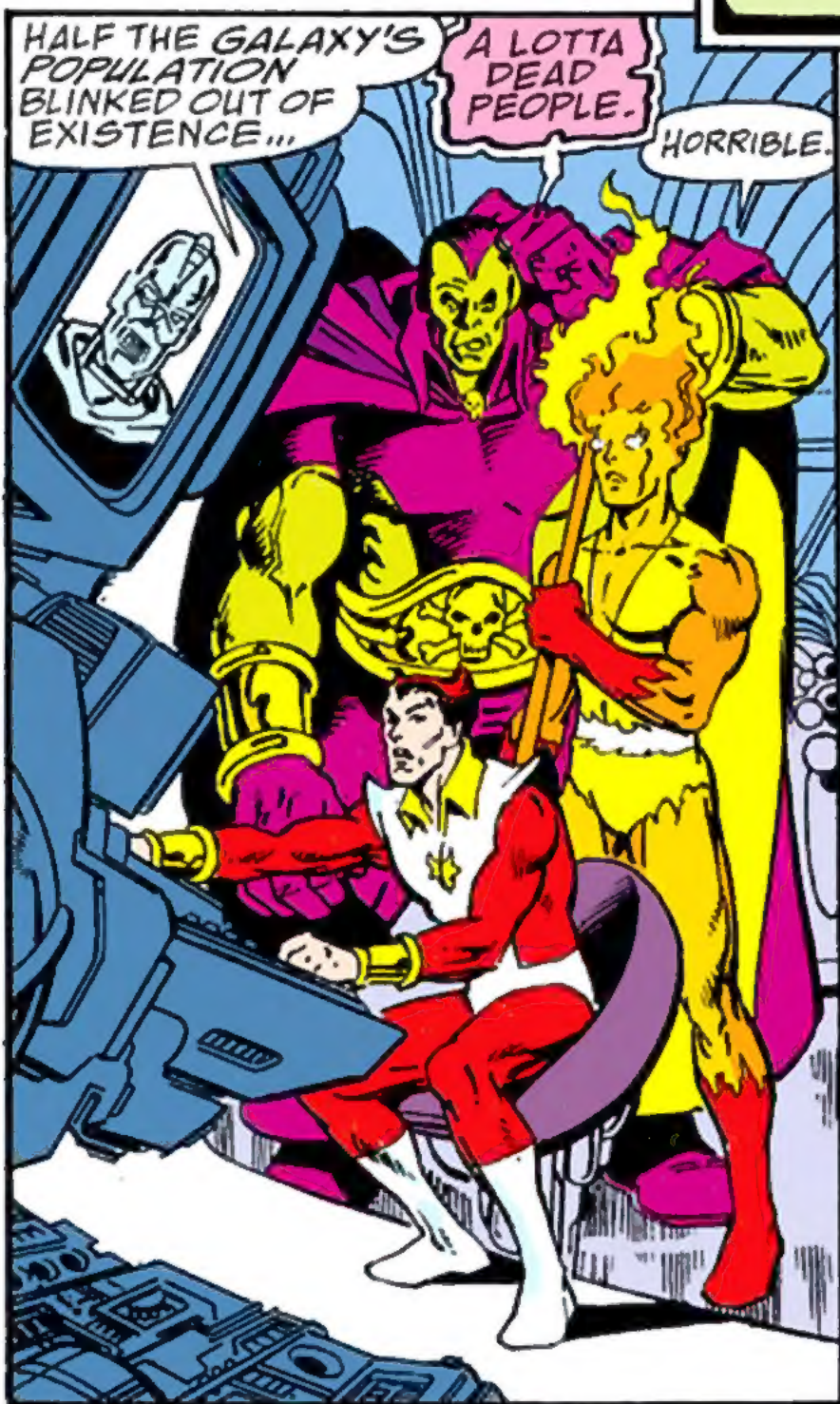
A CHANCE TO EXPAND ON MY SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND...

...PERSONAL POWER.





SUB-SPACE TRANSMISSIONS INDICATE THAT THIS MASS DISAPPEARANCE IS A UNIVERSAL PHENOMENON.

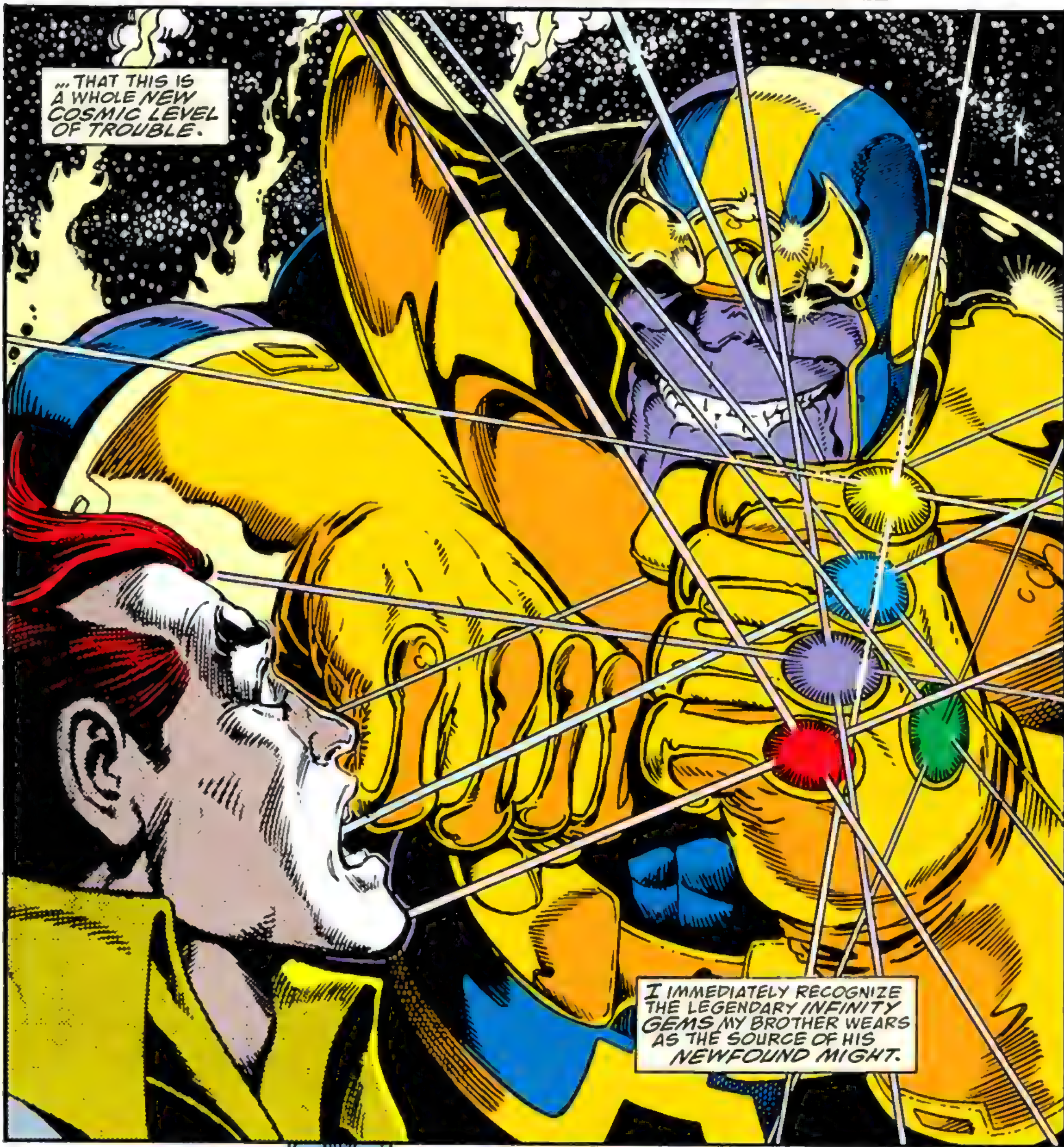


I'VE BEEN IN
MANY A
DIFFICULT
SITUATION
IN MY LIFE.



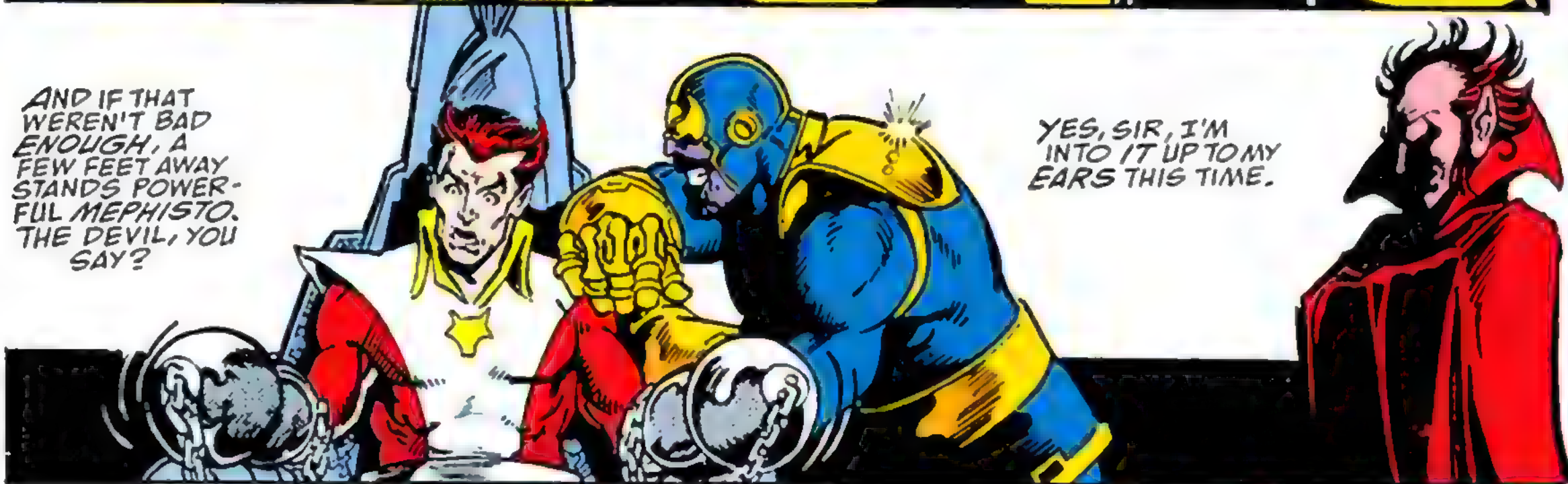
BUT I KNOW
THE VERY MO-
MENT I OPENED
MY EYES...

... THAT THIS IS
A WHOLE NEW
COSMIC LEVEL
OF TROUBLE.



I IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZE
THE LEGENDARY INFINITY
GEMS MY BROTHER WEARS
AS THE SOURCE OF HIS
NEWFOUND MIGHT.

AND IF THAT
WEREN'T BAD
ENOUGH, A
FEW FEET AWAY
STANDS POWER-
FUL MEPHISTO.
THE DEVIL, YOU
SAY?



YES, SIR, I'M
INTO IT UP TO MY
EARS THIS TIME.

AND THERE IS MISTRESS DEATH, A REGAL SIGHT I'D HOPED NEVER TO SEE.



IT TAKES ME A WHILE TO REALIZE WHO THE STUMBLING WRECK WANDERING ABOUT IS--



THANOS'S GRAND-DAUGHTER, NEBULA.

SHE'S A REAL MESS.



'TIS A FAMILY REUNION, MY DEAR BROTHER.

LET THE OLD, NEBULA AND YOURSELF, GREET AND BEFRIEND THE NEW, MY LOVER AND MATE-- DEATH.

MEPHISTO IS BUT AN ADVISER.

BUT BROTHER THANOS, HOW CAN THIS BE A FAMILY REUNION WITHOUT FATHER BEING PRESENT?

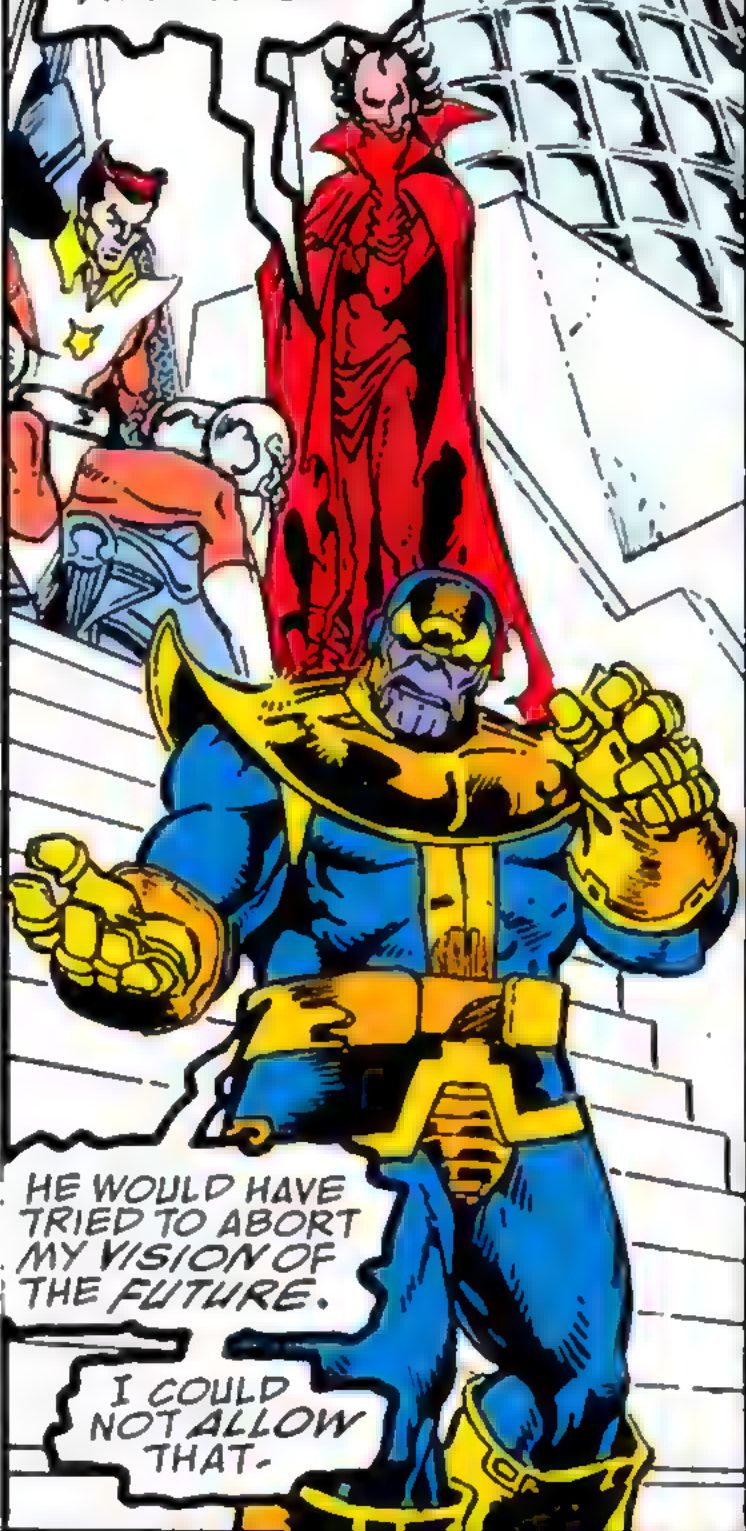


MENTOR WAS NOT INVITED--



--NOR WILL HE BE.

FATHER WAS A DANGEROUS MAN...WHICH IS WHY I MADE SURE HE WAS AMONG THE DIS-APPEARED.



HE WOULD HAVE TRIED TO ABORT MY VISION OF THE FUTURE.

I COULD NOT ALLOW THAT.

ULTIMATE POWER IS NOW MINE AND I SHALL RESHAPE THE UNIVERSE WITH IT.



NOTHING MUST INTERFERE WITH THIS HOLY MISSION.



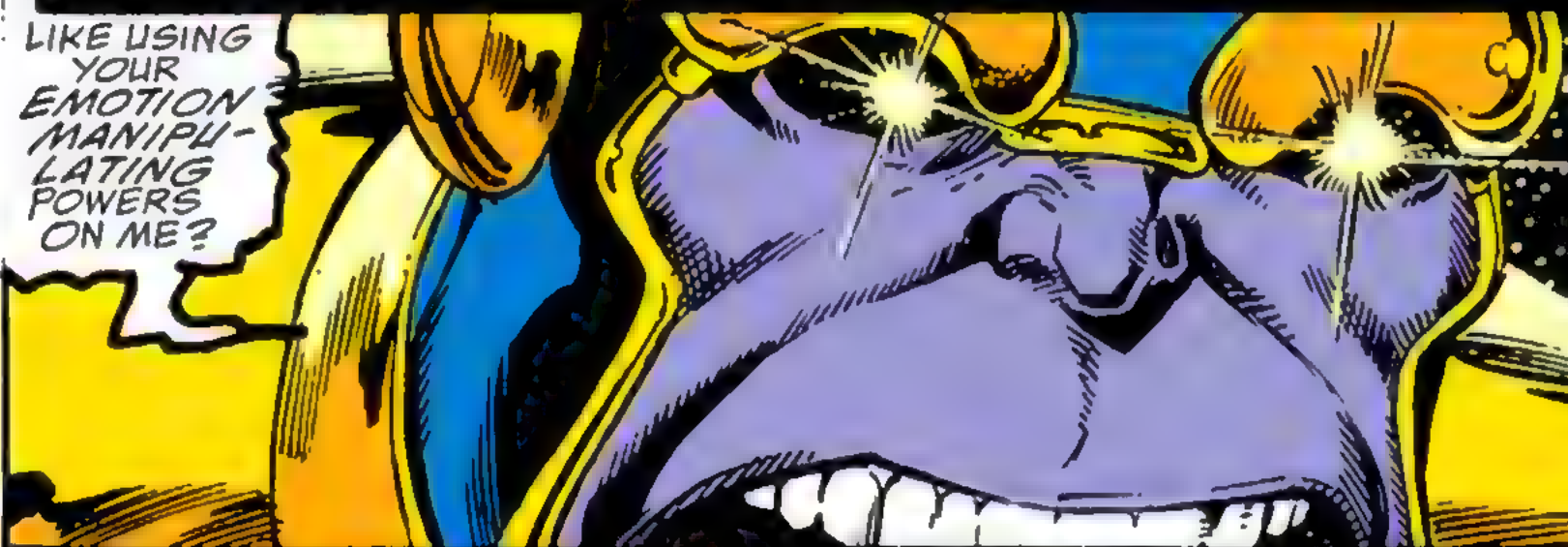
THEN NOTHING SHALL.

EVERYTHING IS GOING TO WORK OUT JUST THE WAY YOU WANT IT TO, MY BROTHER.



AND IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP...

LIKE USING YOUR EMOTION MANIPULATING POWERS ON ME?



WHAT SAY WE SEE HOW CHARMING YOU CAN BE, EROS--



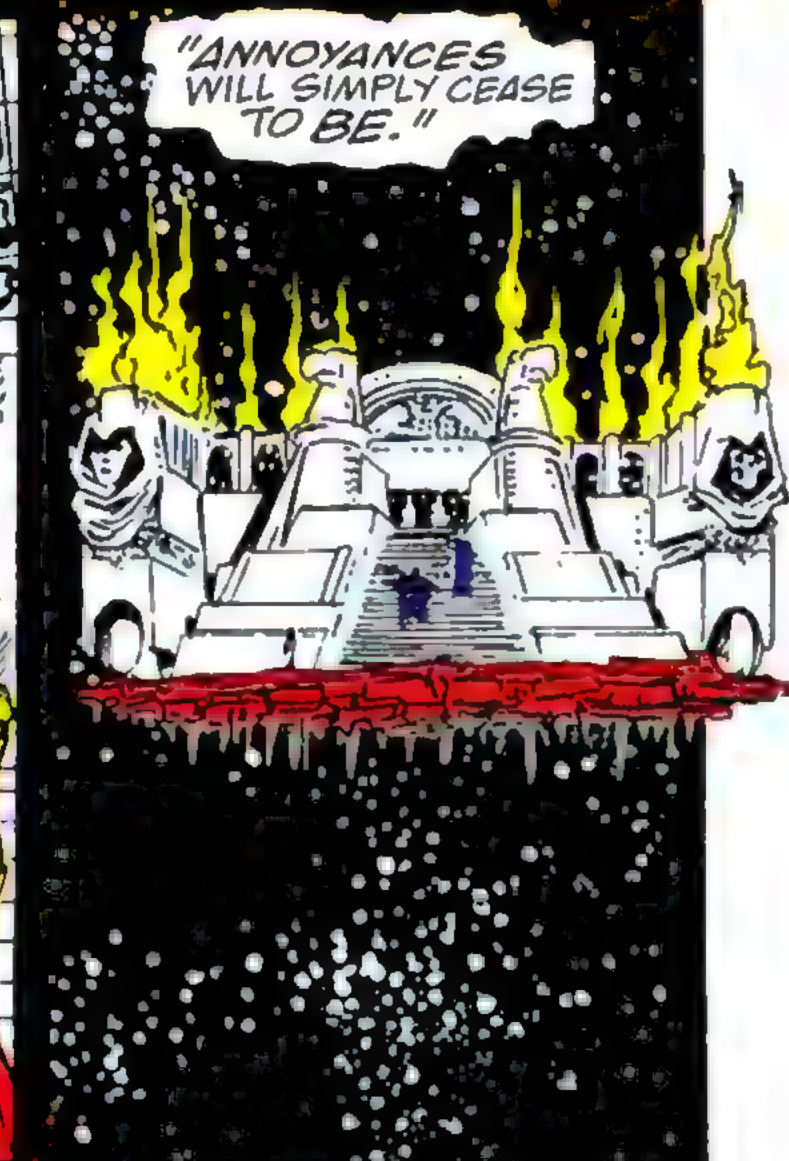
--WITHOUT YOUR MOUTH!



THAT IS HOW IT SHALL BE WITH ALL THINGS THAT IRRITATE PROUD THANOS!



"ANNOYANCES WILL SIMPLY CEASE TO BE."

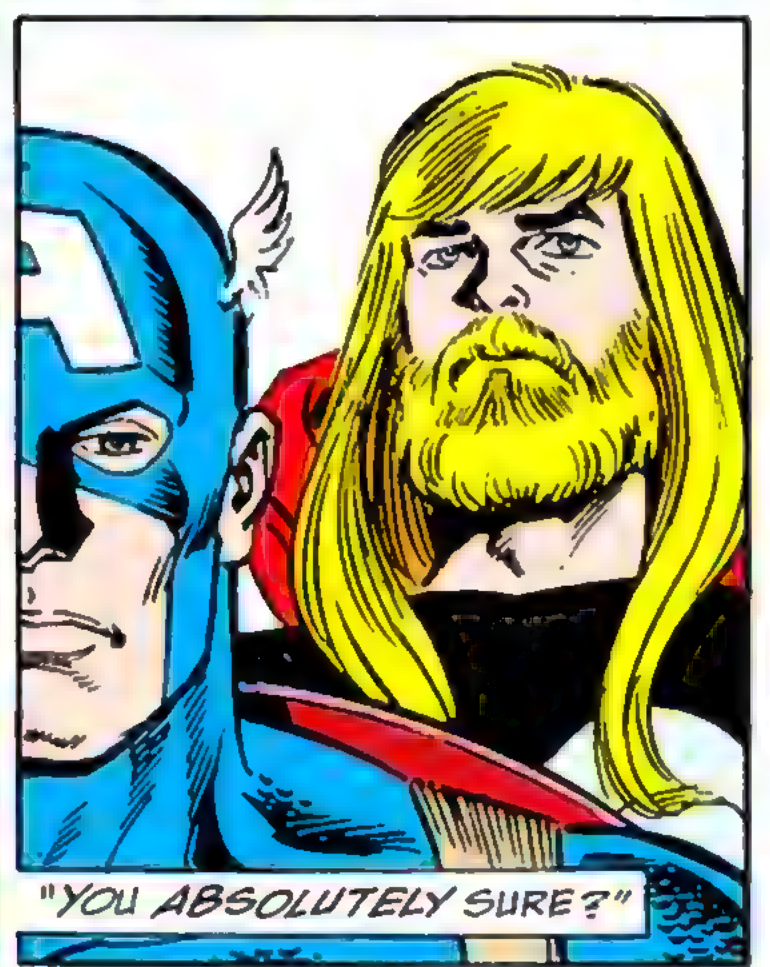
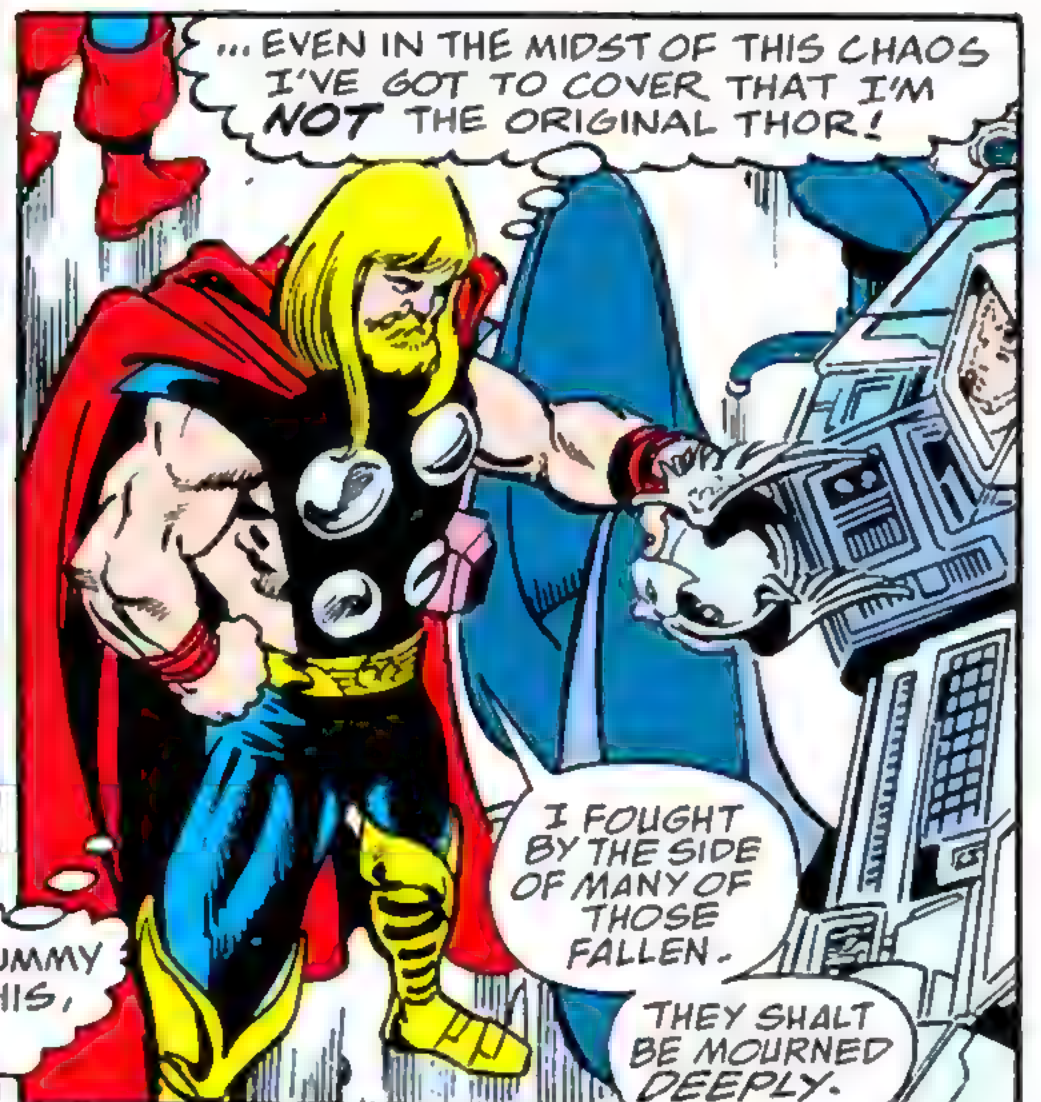
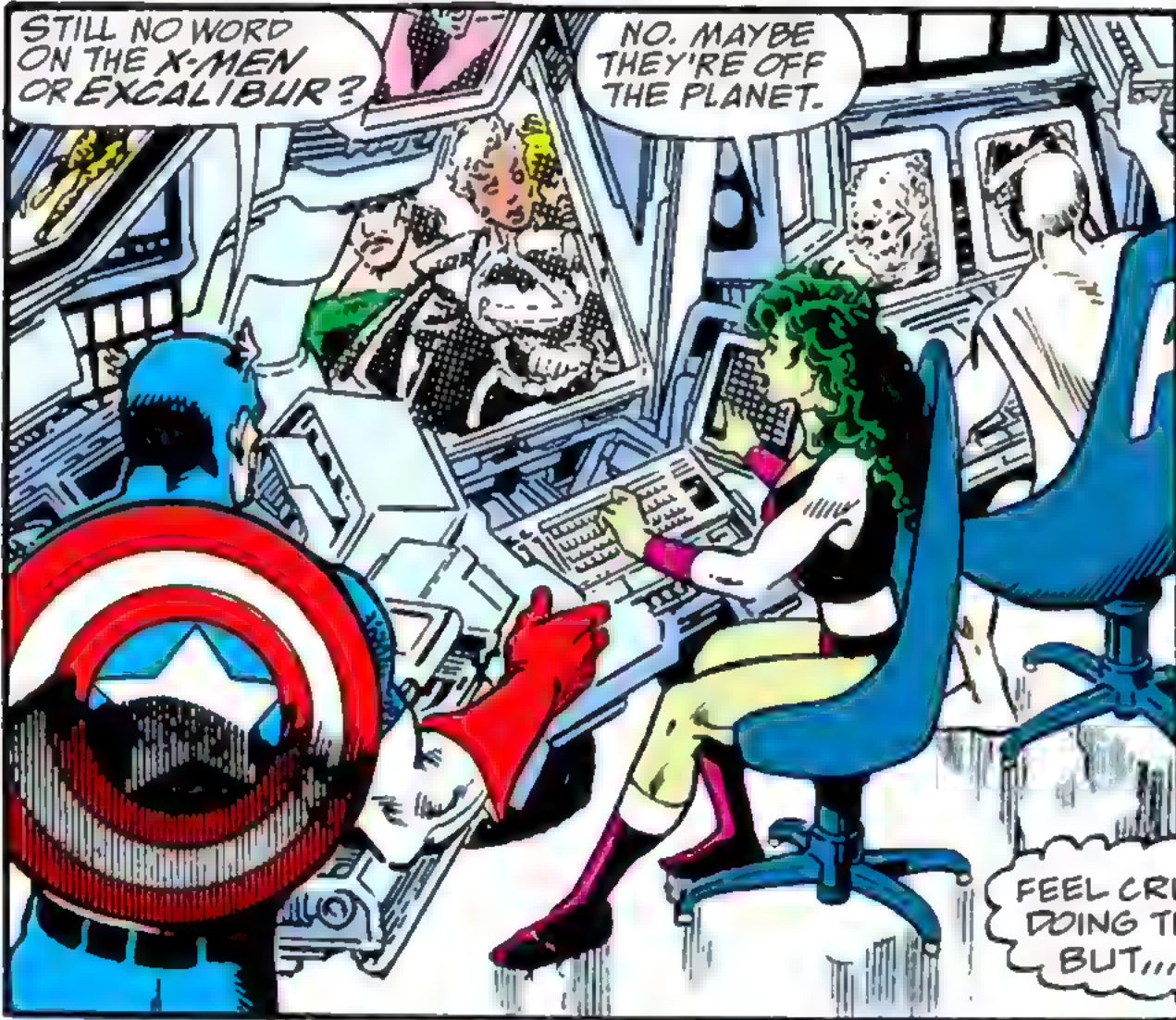


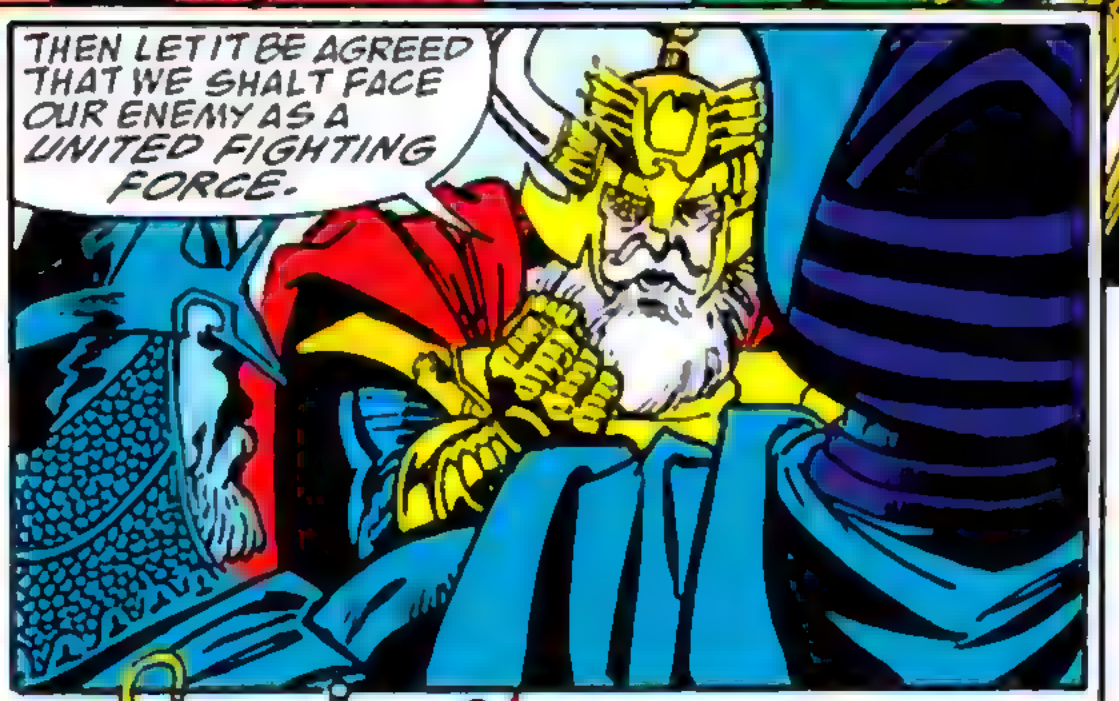
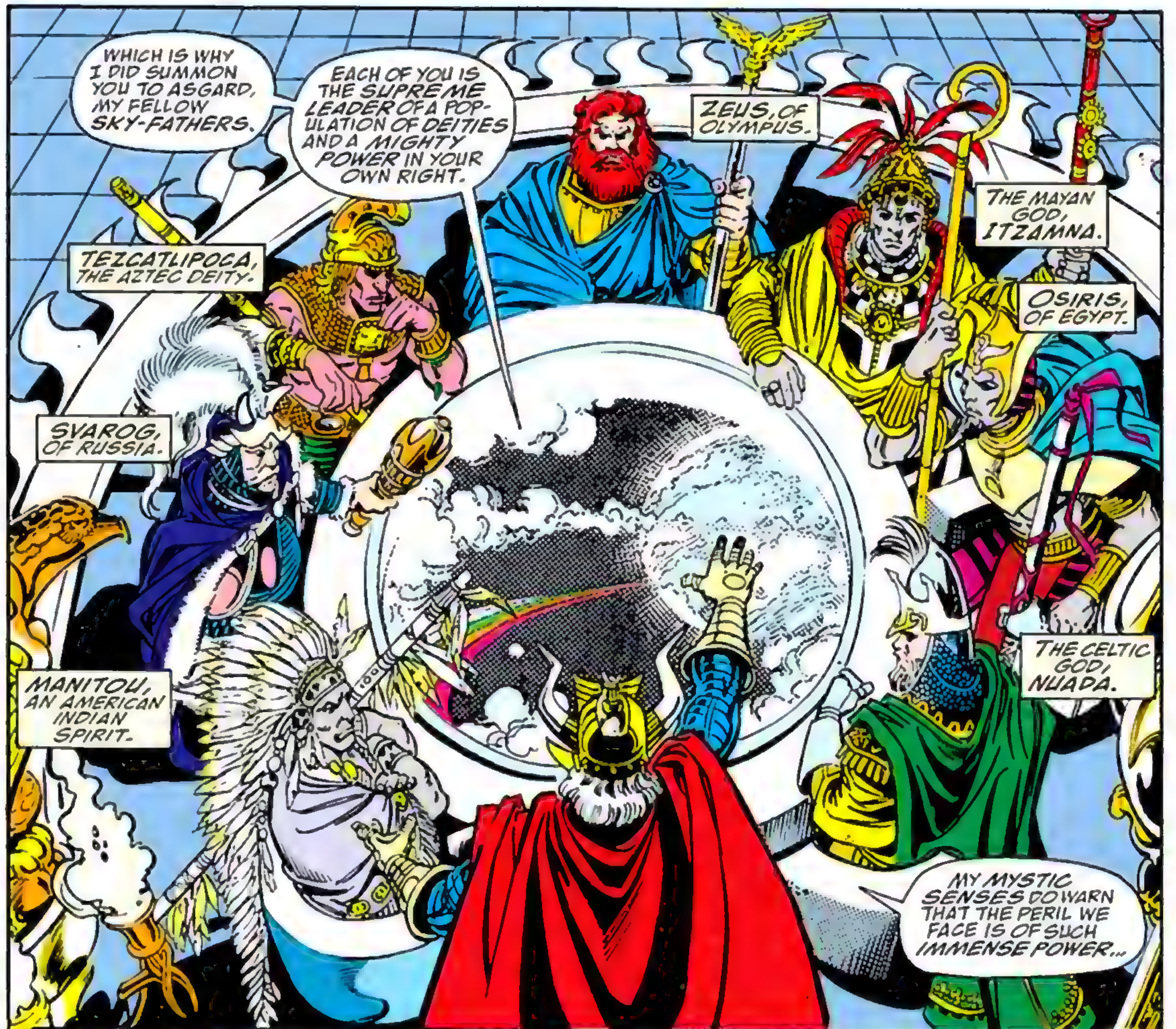


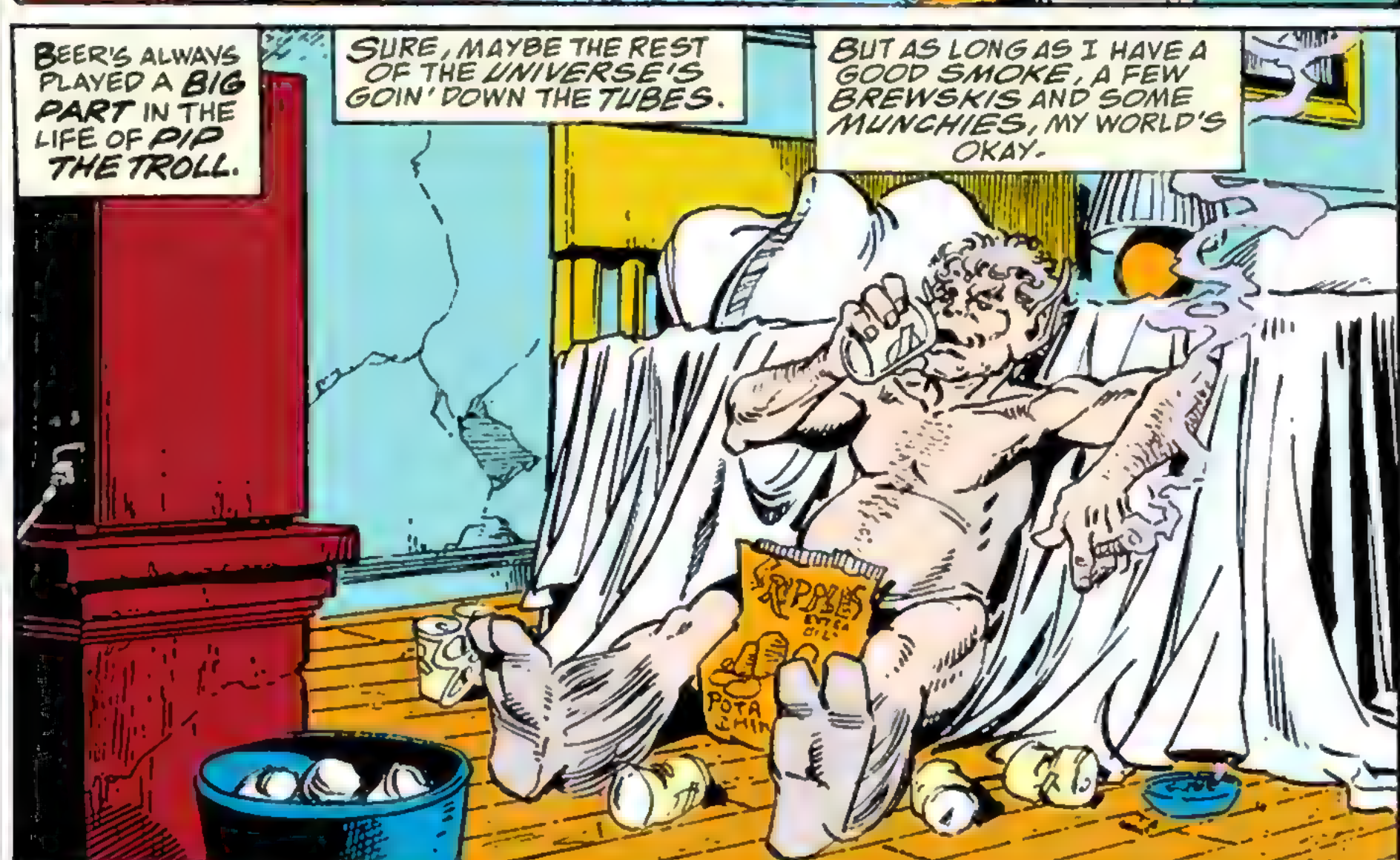
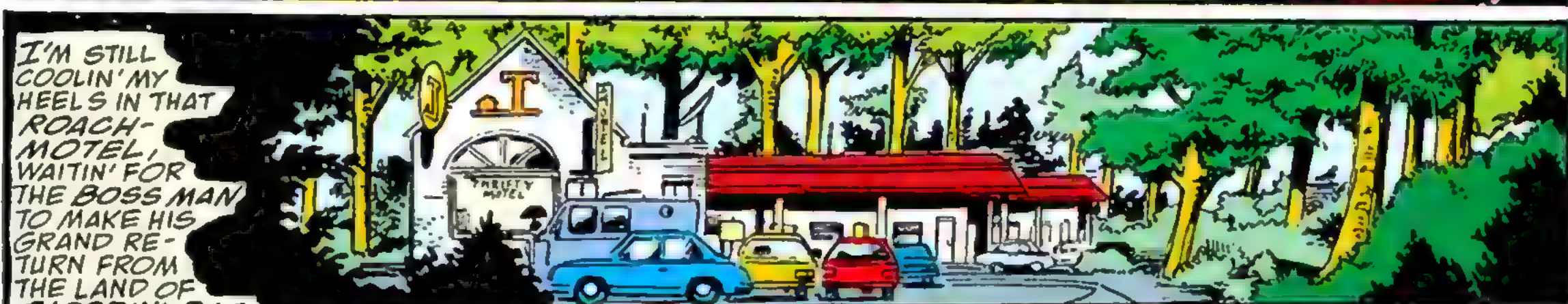
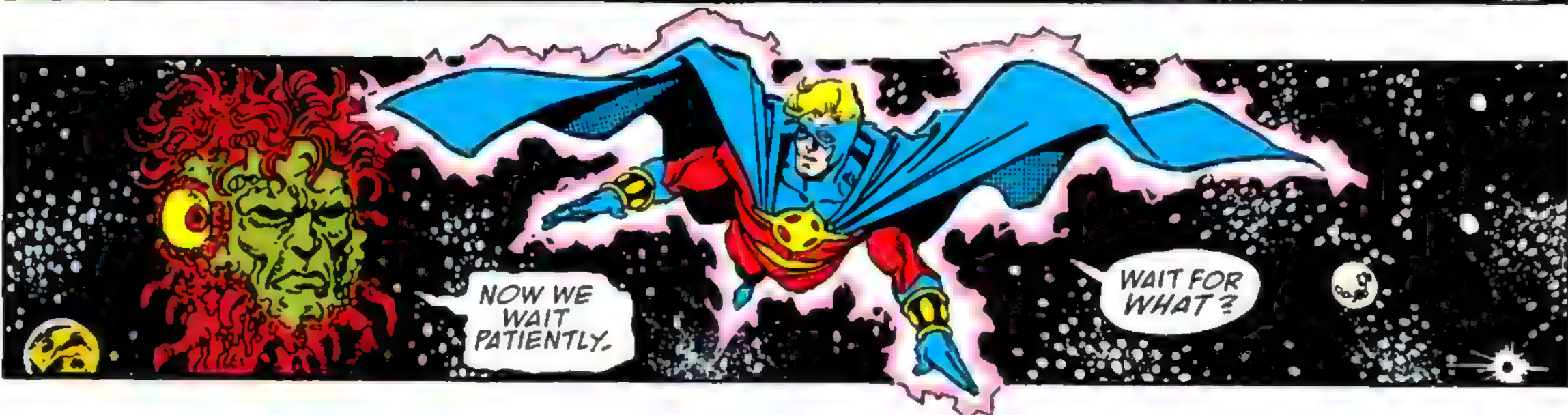
HERE'S THE
UPDATE ON
THE TALLY OF
DIS-
APPEARED
SUPER
HEROES.

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**APPEARED
SUPER
HEROES.**



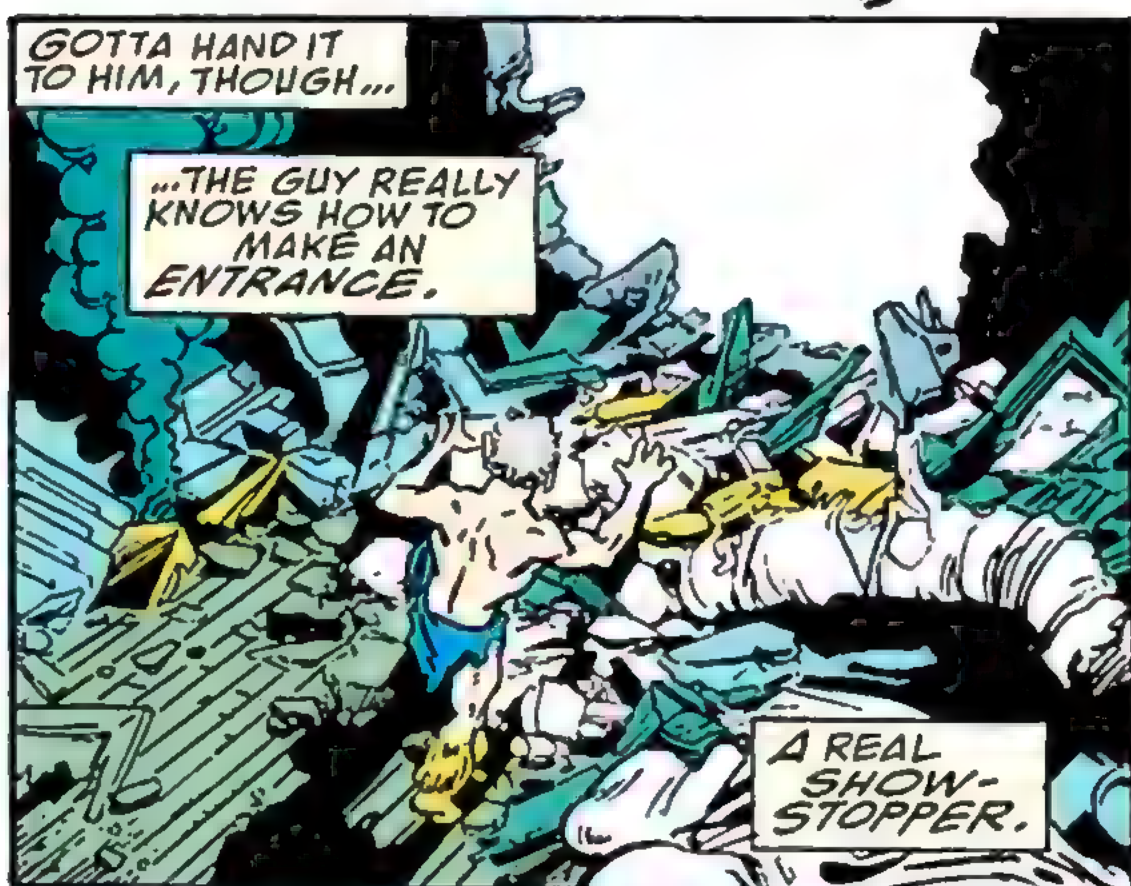






UNFORTUNATELY,
THE BEST PARTIES
ALWAYS END TOO
EARLY.

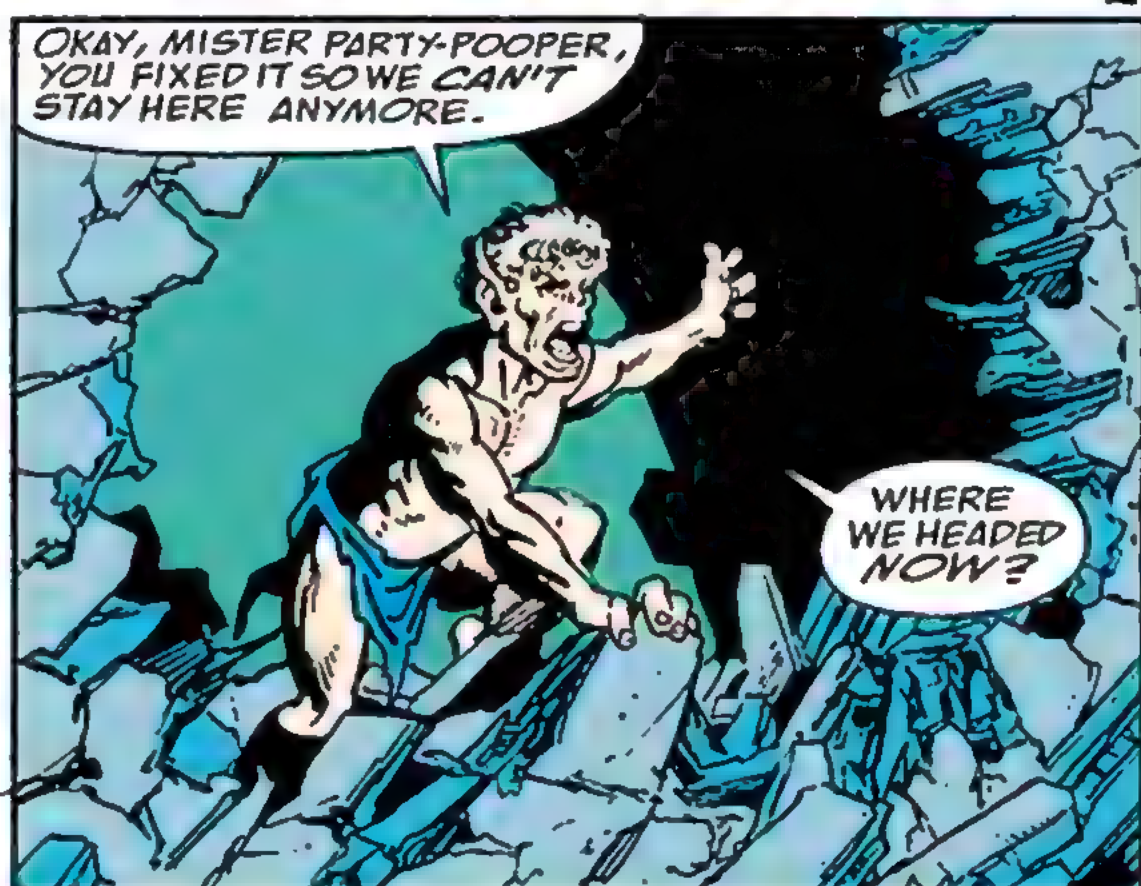
HEY!



GOTTA HAND IT
TO HIM, THOUGH...

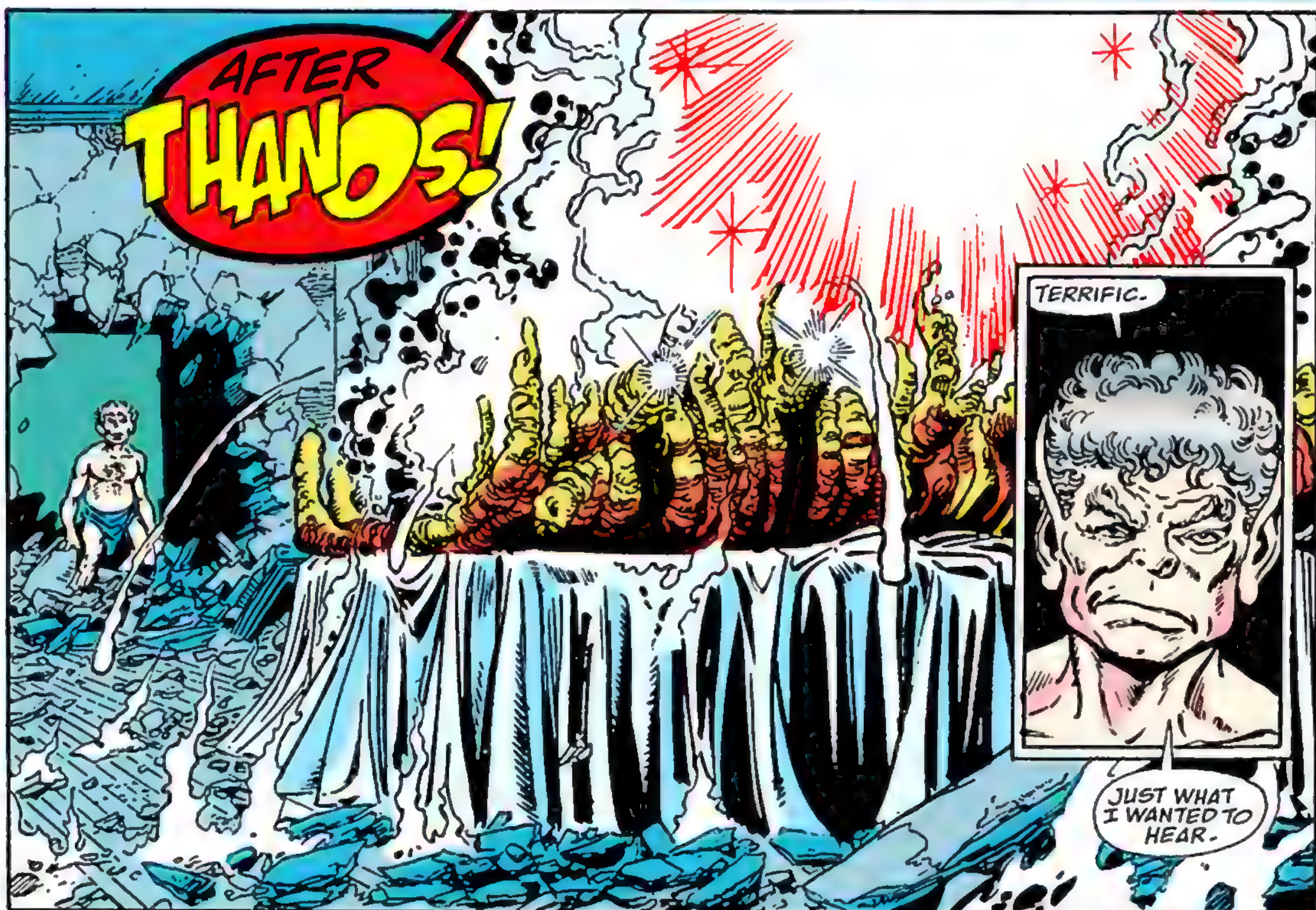
...THE GUY REALLY
KNOWS HOW TO
MAKE AN
ENTRANCE.

A REAL
SHOW-
STOPPER.



OKAY, MISTER PARTY-POOPER,
YOU FIXED IT SO WE CAN'T
STAY HERE ANYMORE.

WHERE
WE HEADED
NOW?



AFTER
THANOS!



TERRIFIC.

JUST WHAT
I WANTED TO
HEAR.

AT THE BEST OF TIMES...

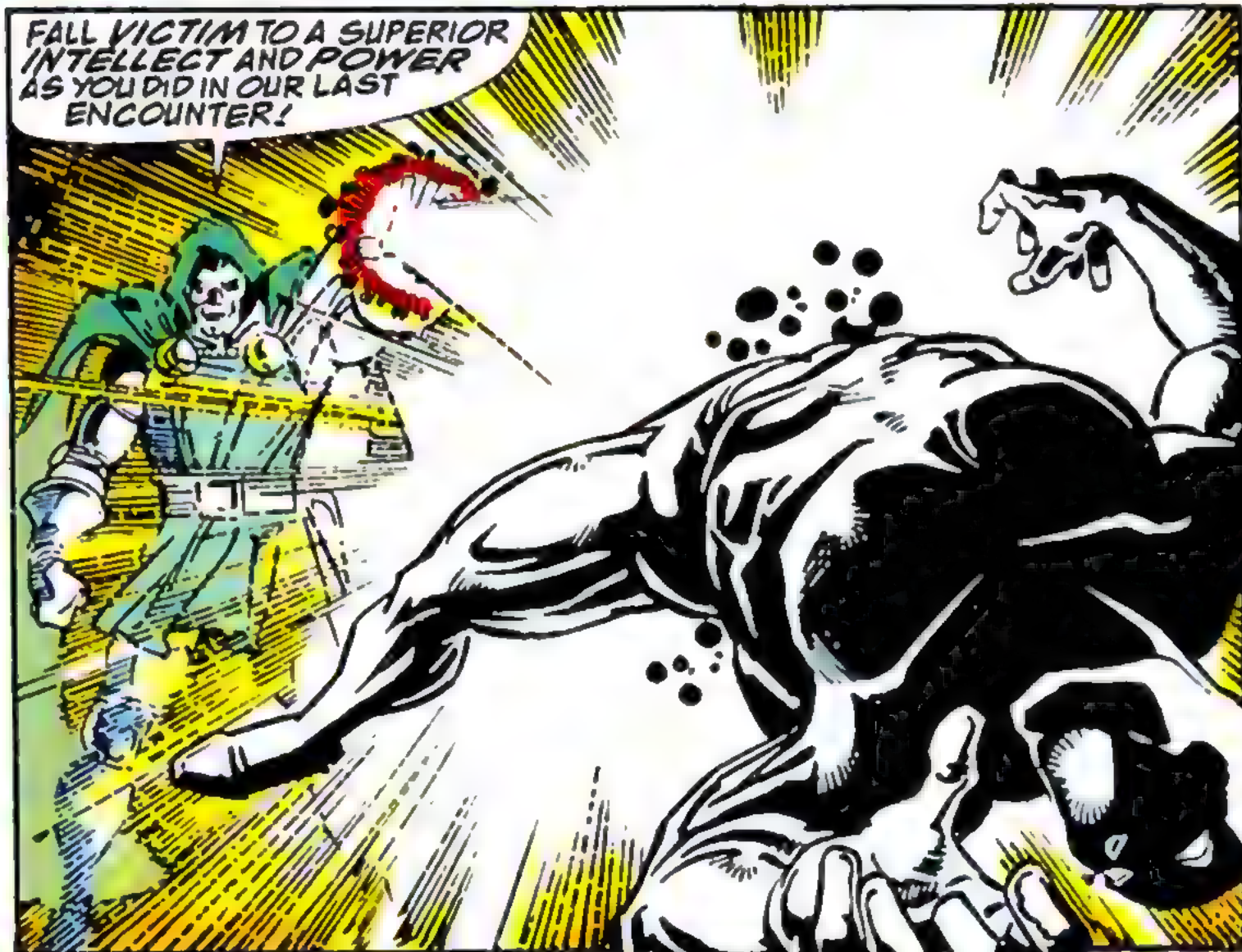
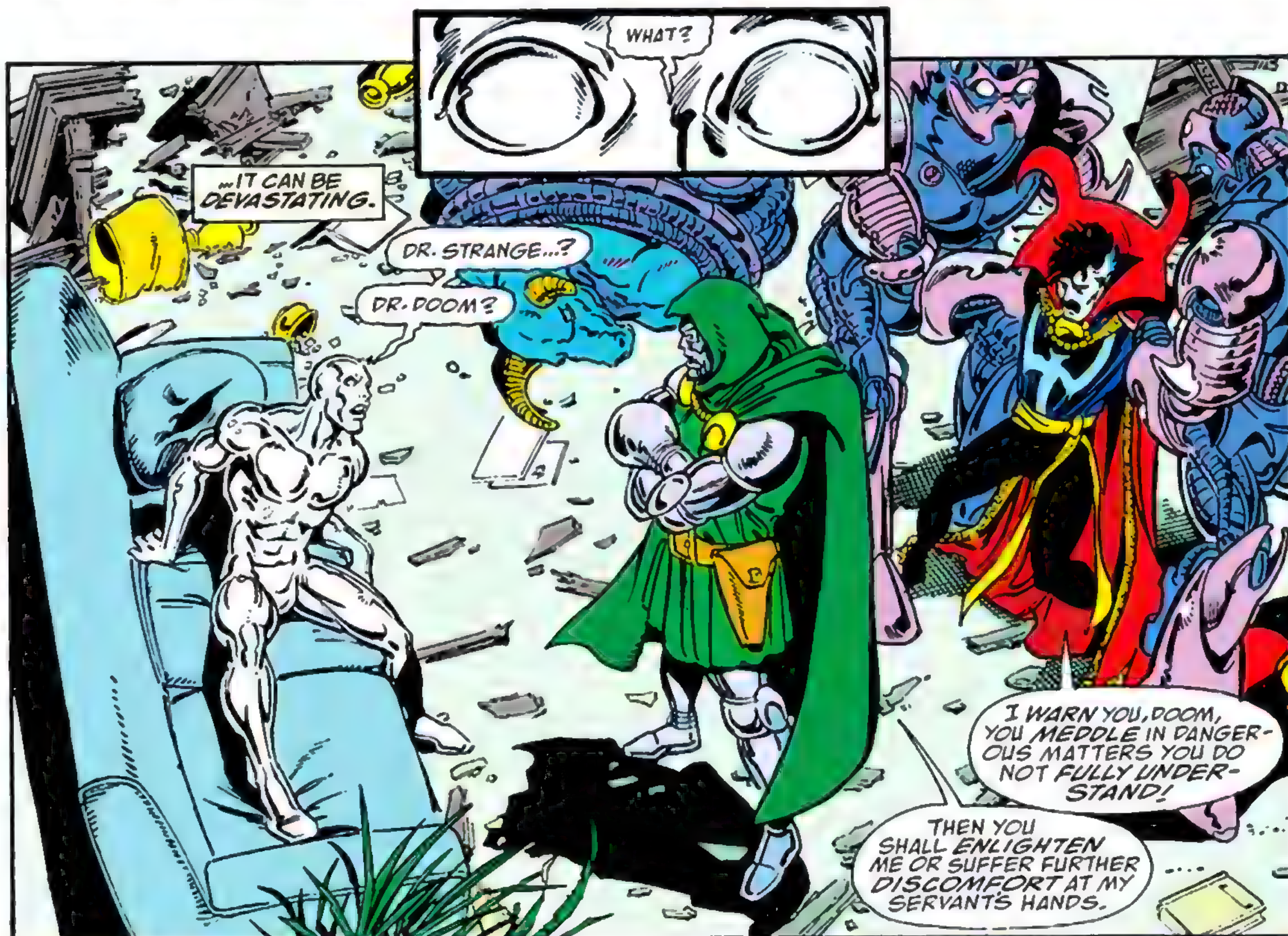
...THE RESUMPTION OF LOST CONSCIOUSNESS...



...IS A JARRING, DISORIENTING EXPERIENCE.



BUT AT A MOMENT LIKE THIS...



WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT I DID, BEING TERRIBLY WEAKENED FROM MY EARLIER BATTLE WITH THANOS'S STONE GOLEM.

FURTHER TIME WAS NEEDED FOR MY STRENGTH TO RENEW ITSELF.

NOW, STRANGE, YOU WILL BRIEF ME ON EVERYTHING YOU KNOW...

...OF THE GREAT DISAPPEARANCE AND THE FORCES BEHIND IT--!

YOU SHALL SPEAK...

...OR I WILL--

THERE IS NO NEED TO THREATEN ANYONE, MY GOOD DOCTOR.

IT WILL BE MY PLEASURE TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING YOU WISH TO KNOW.

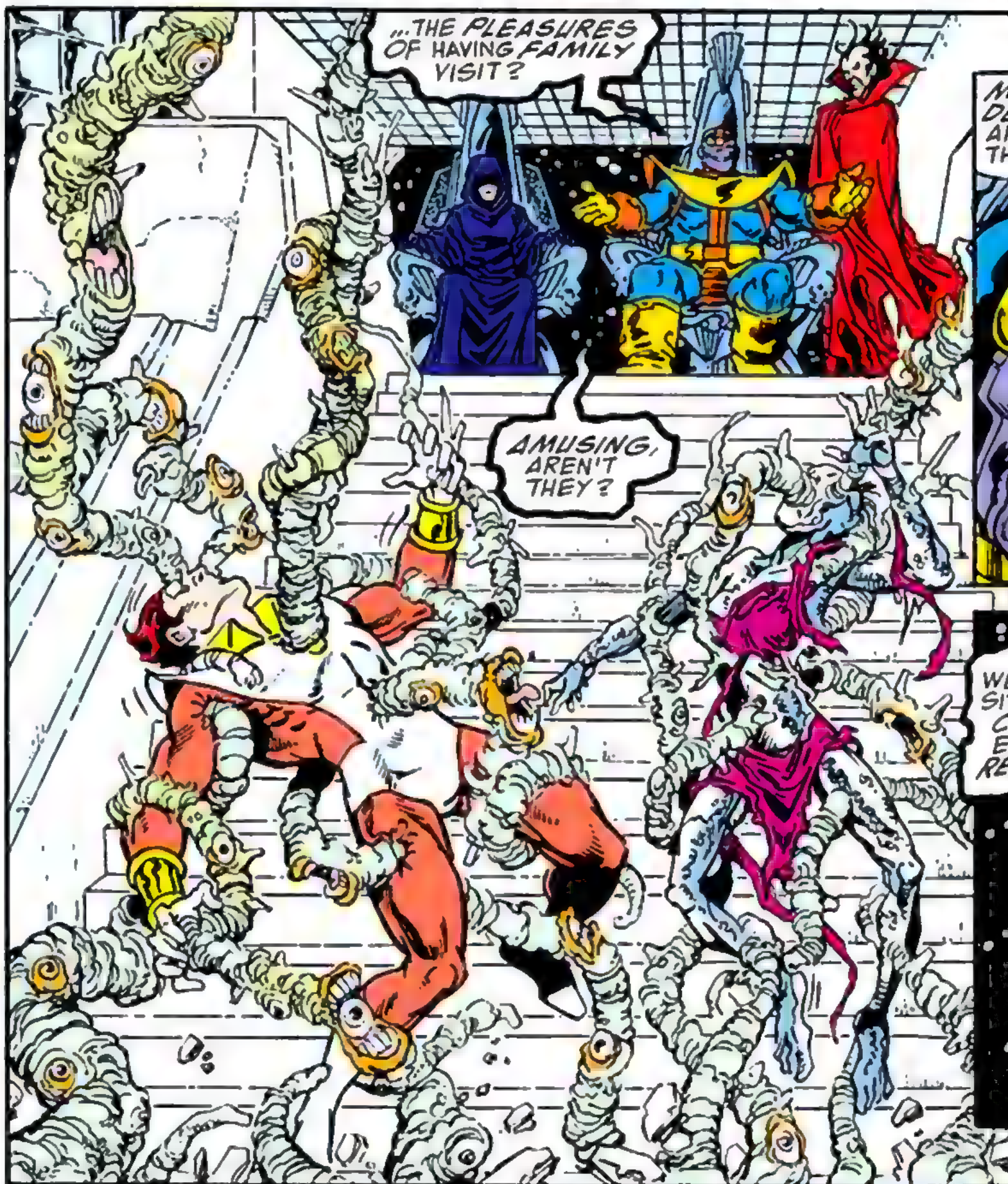
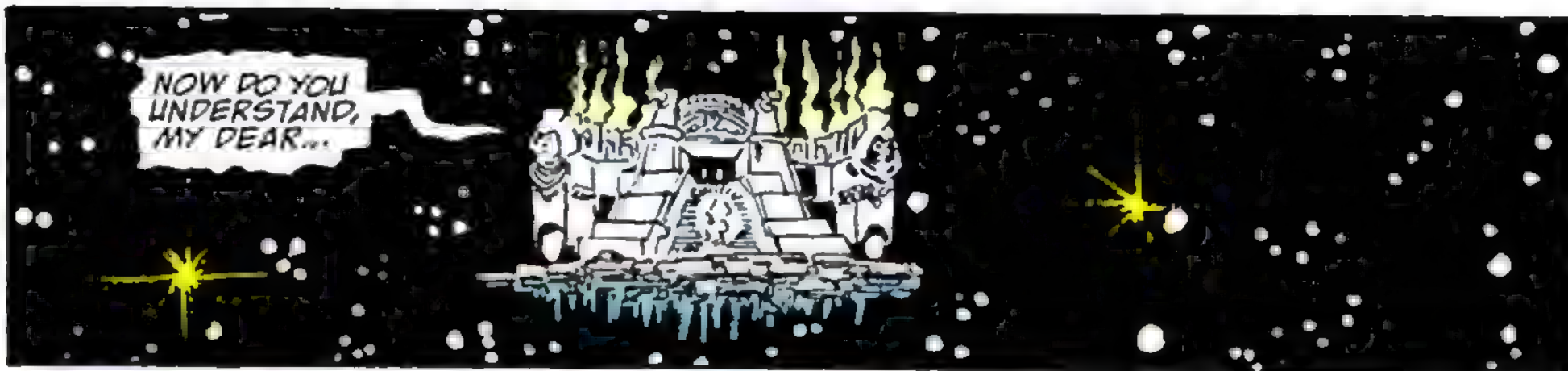
INTRUDER, WHO ARE YOU?

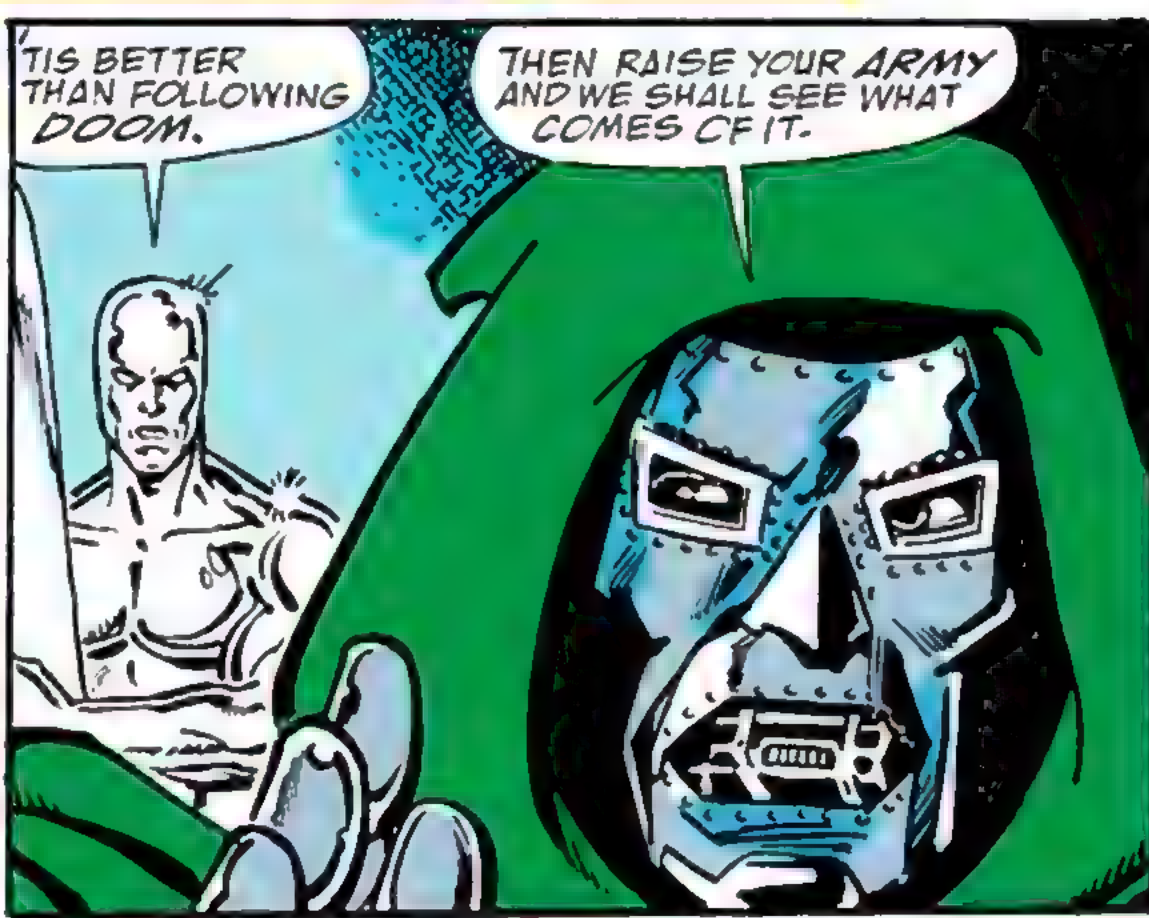
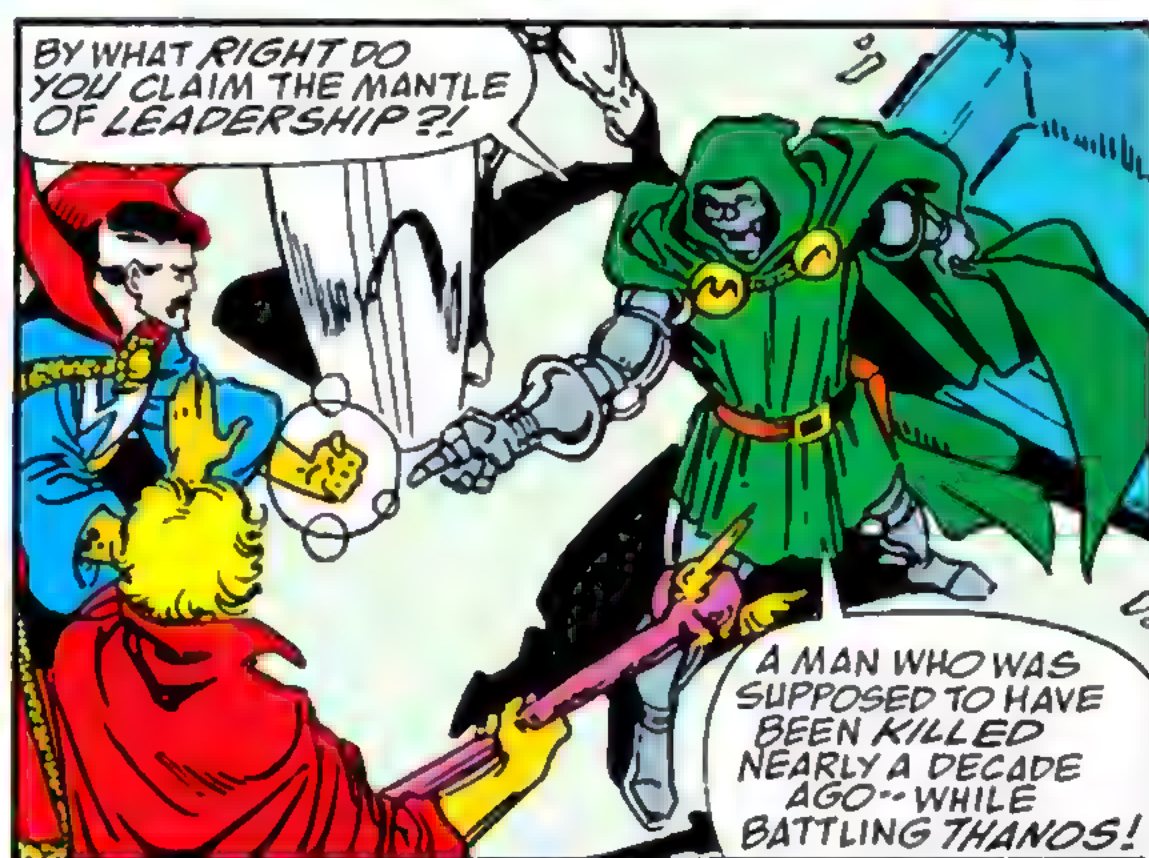
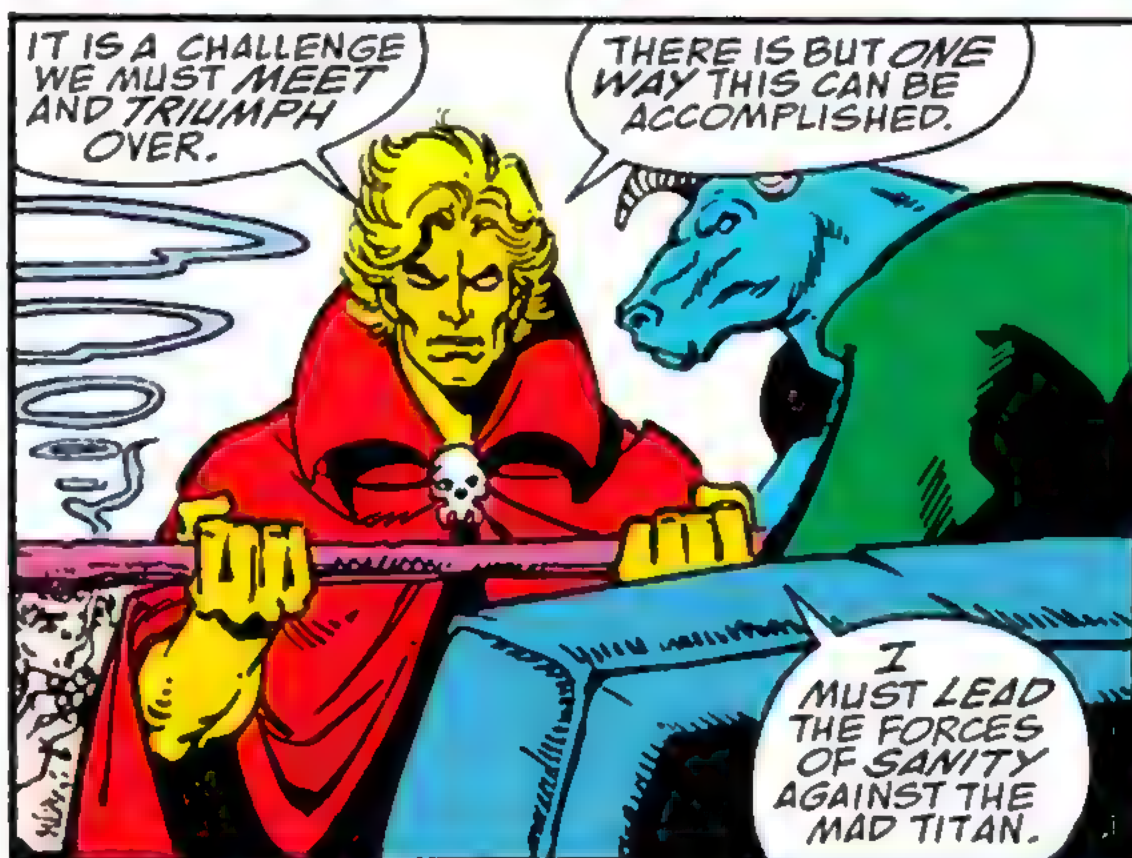
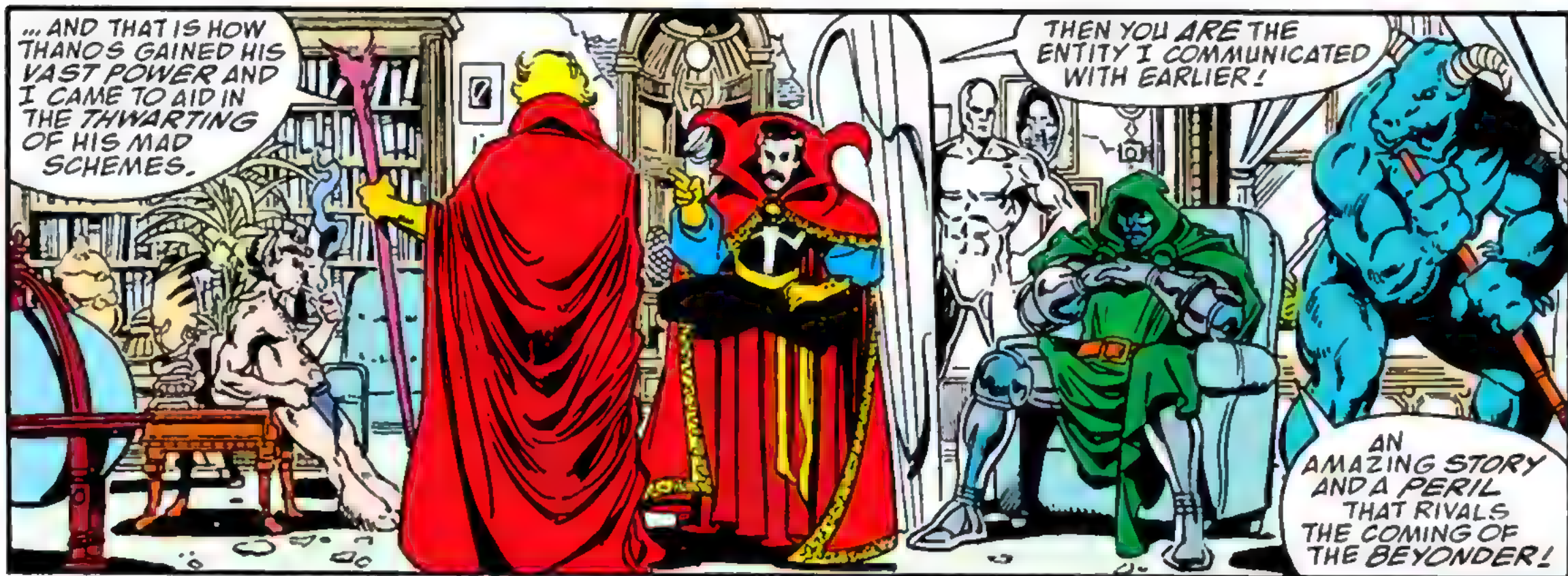
IN MY TIME,
MANY CALLED ME

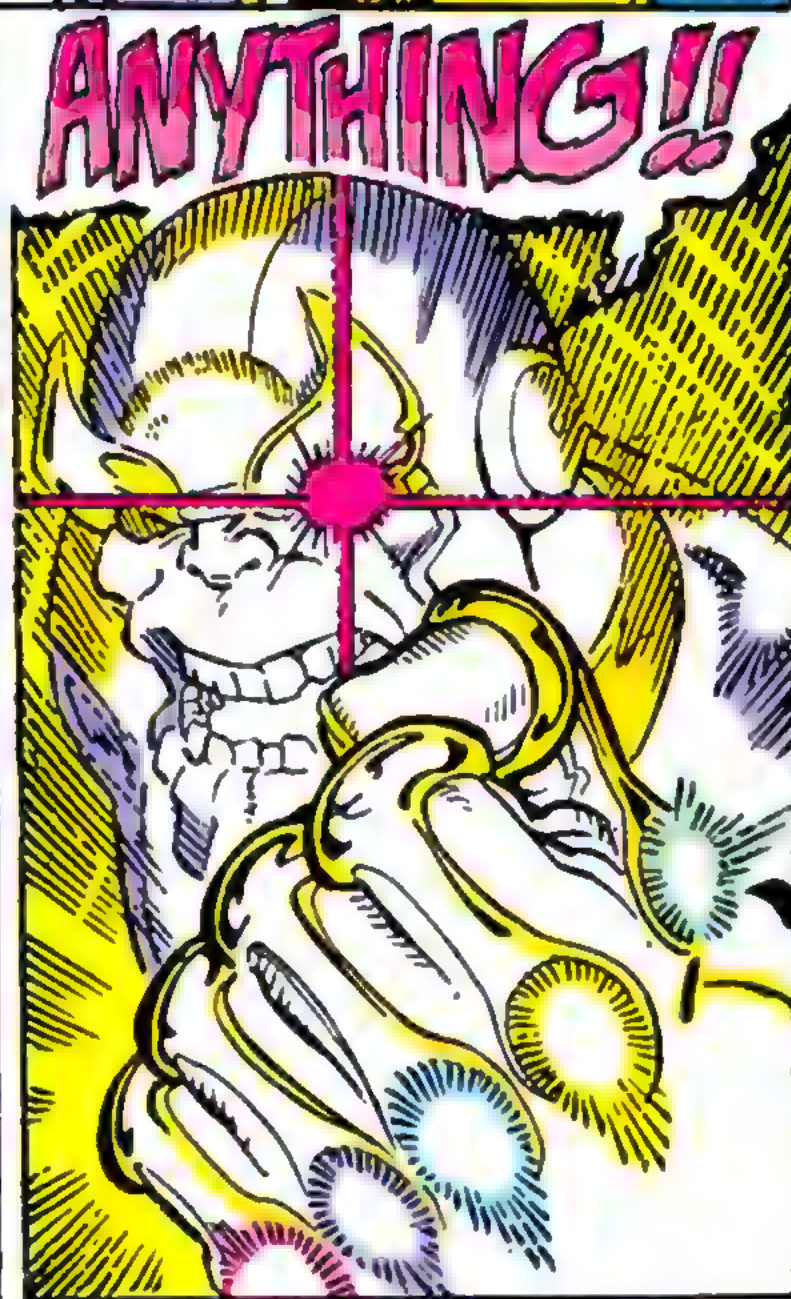
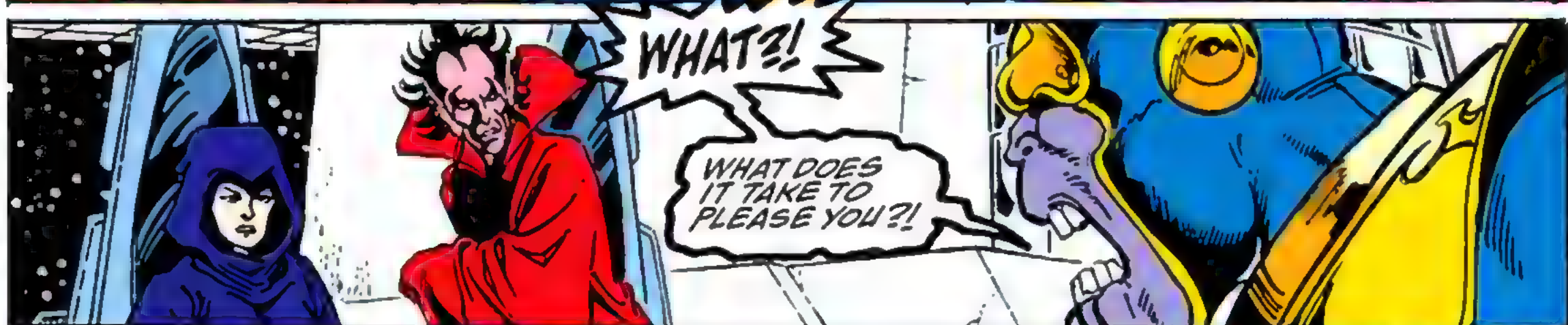
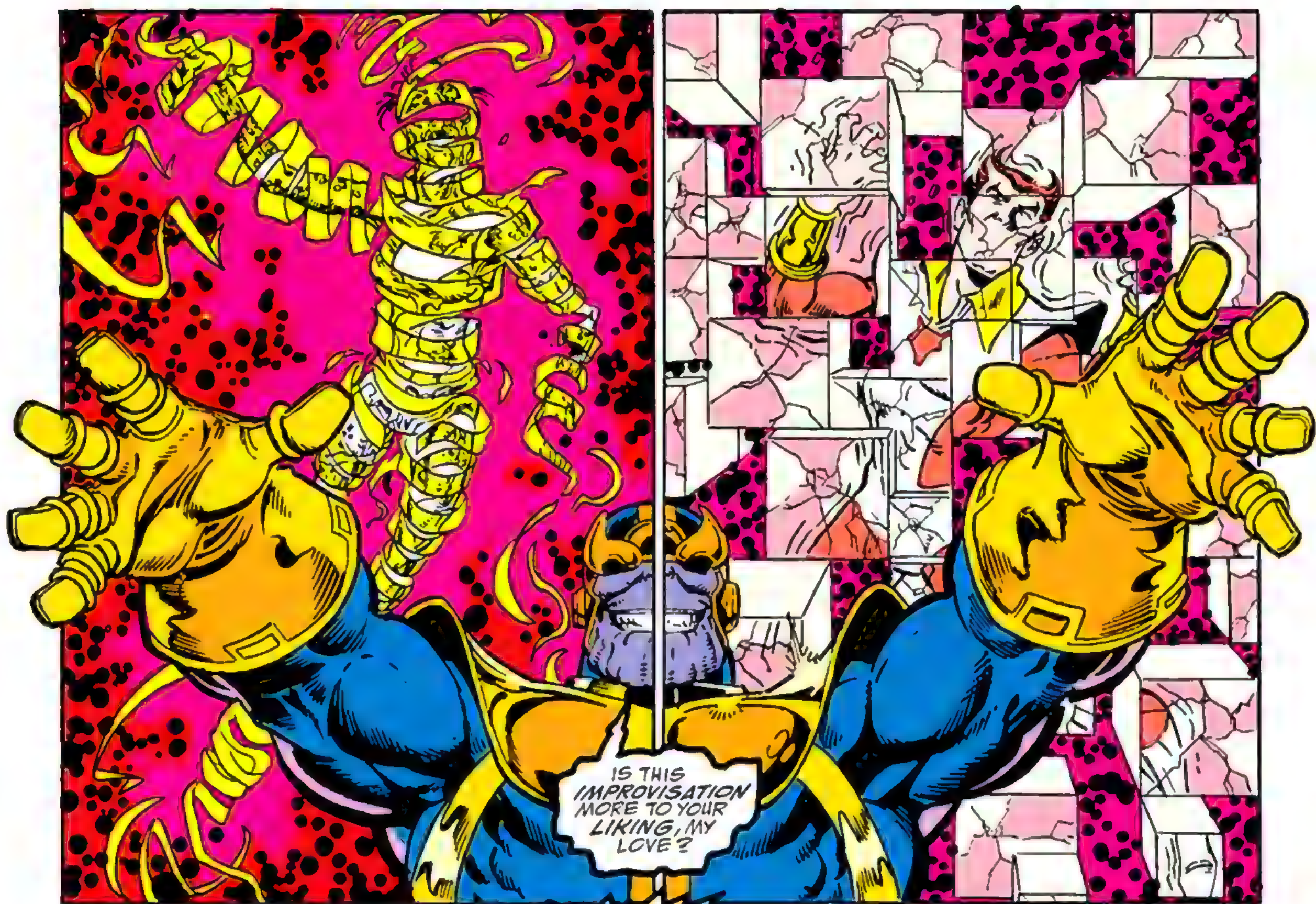
ADAM WARLOCK

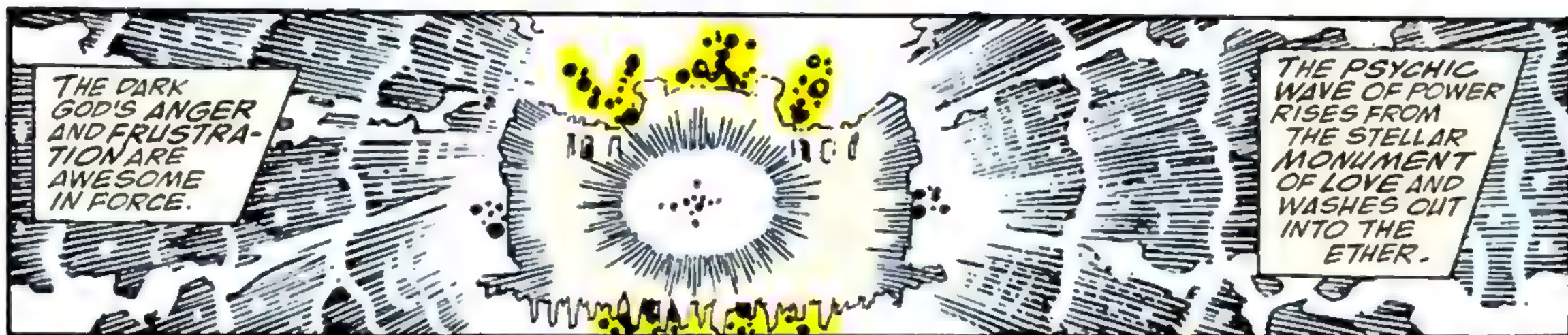
YOU MAY
DO SO ALSO,
IF YOU FEEL SO
INCLINED.

"A MAN WHO WAS SUPPOSED
TO HAVE BEEN KILLED
NEARLY A DECADE AGO
WHILE BATTLING THANOS."



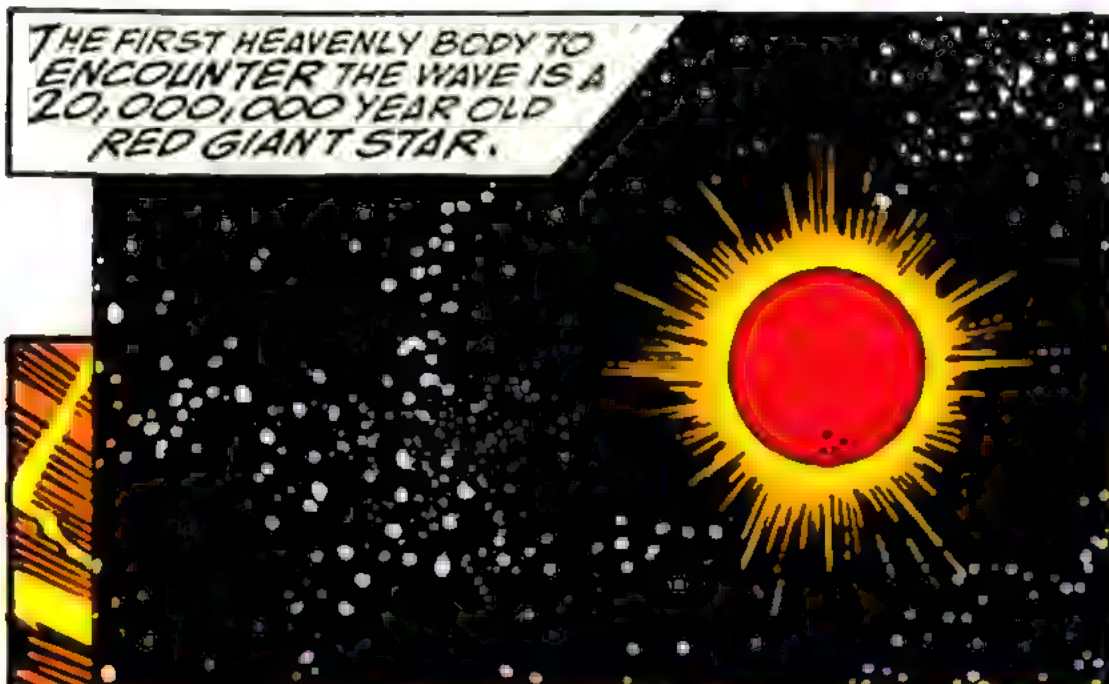






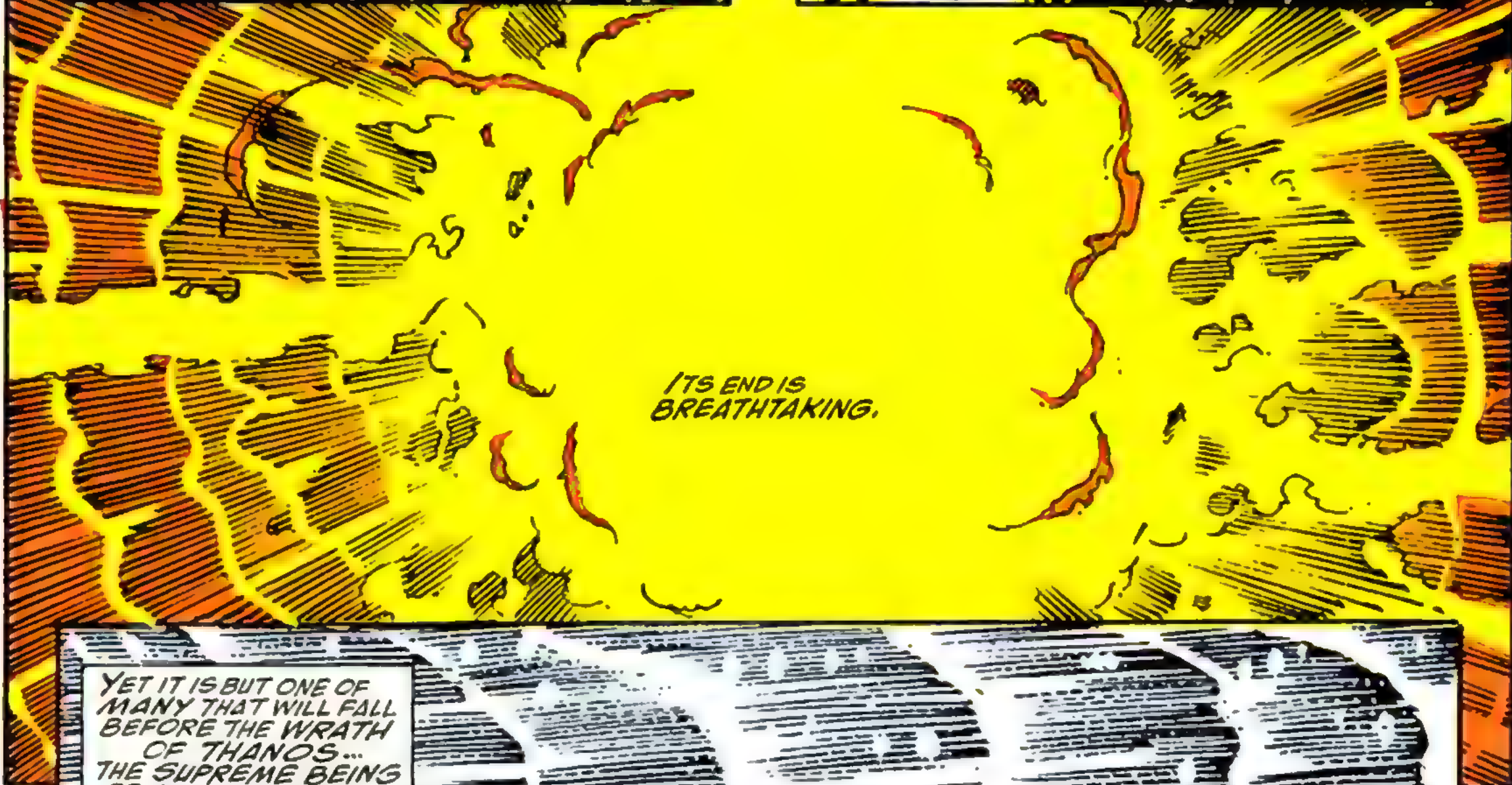
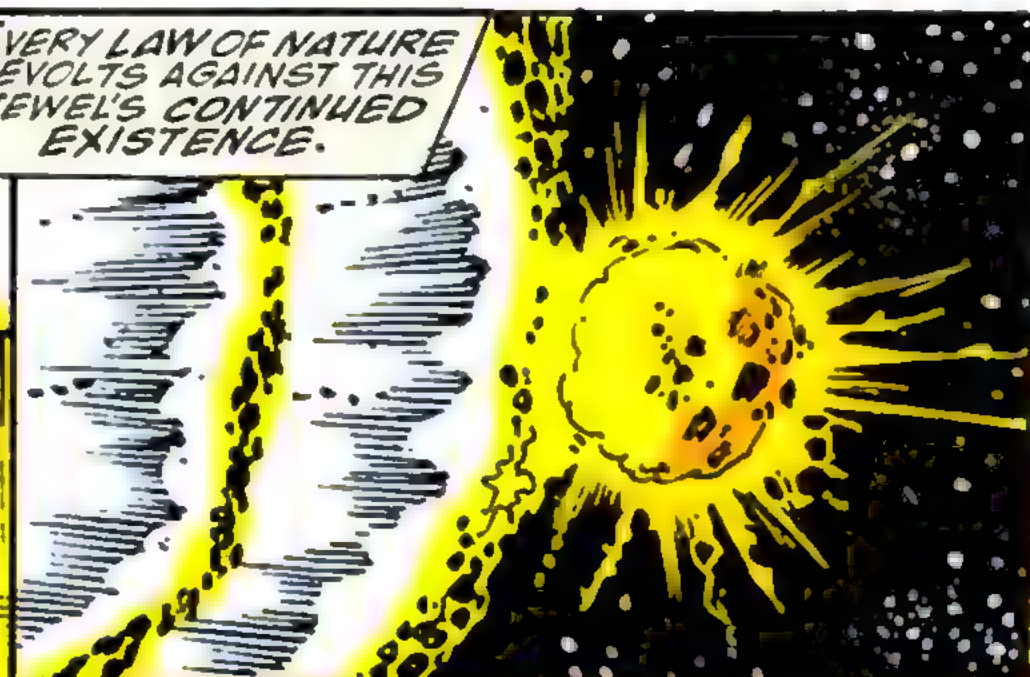
THE DARK
GOD'S ANGER
AND FRUSTRATION
ARE
AWESOME
IN FORCE.

THE PSYCHIC
WAVE OF POWER
RISES FROM
THE STELLAR
MONUMENT
OF LOVE AND
WASHES OUT
INTO THE
ETHER.



THE FIRST HEAVENLY BODY TO
ENCOUNTER THE WAVE IS A
20,000,000 YEAR OLD
RED GIANT STAR.

EVERY LAW OF NATURE
REVOLTS AGAINST THIS
JEWEL'S CONTINUED
EXISTENCE.



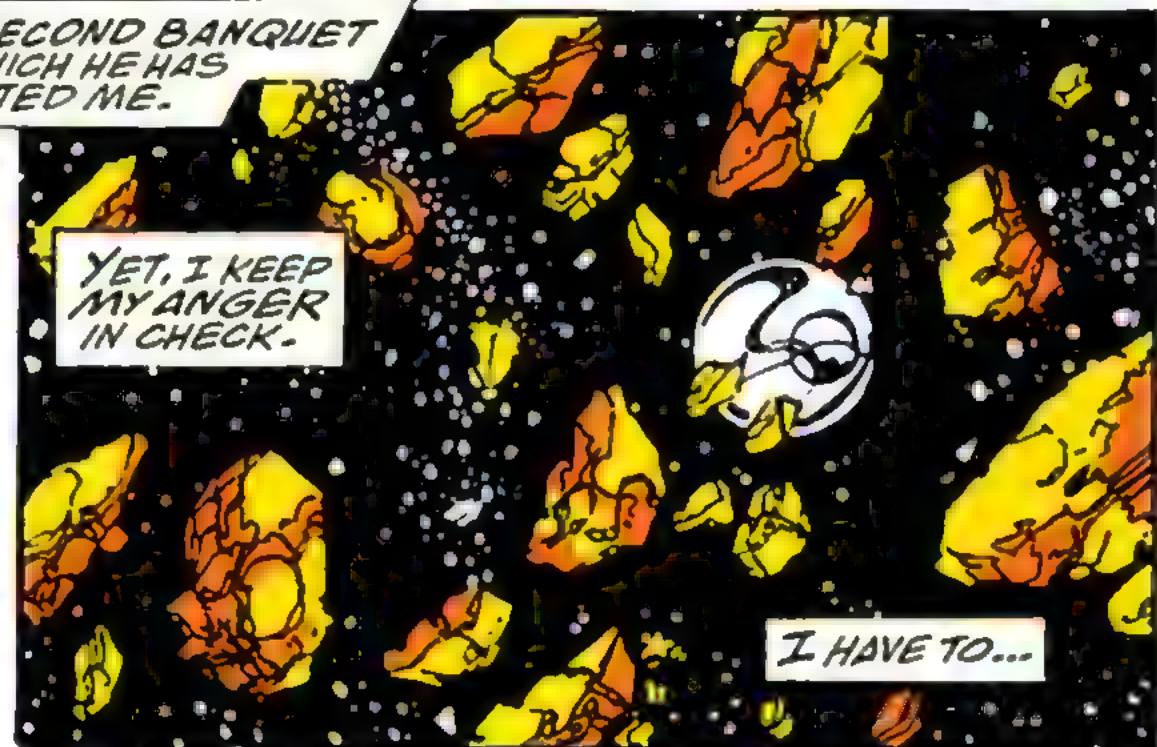
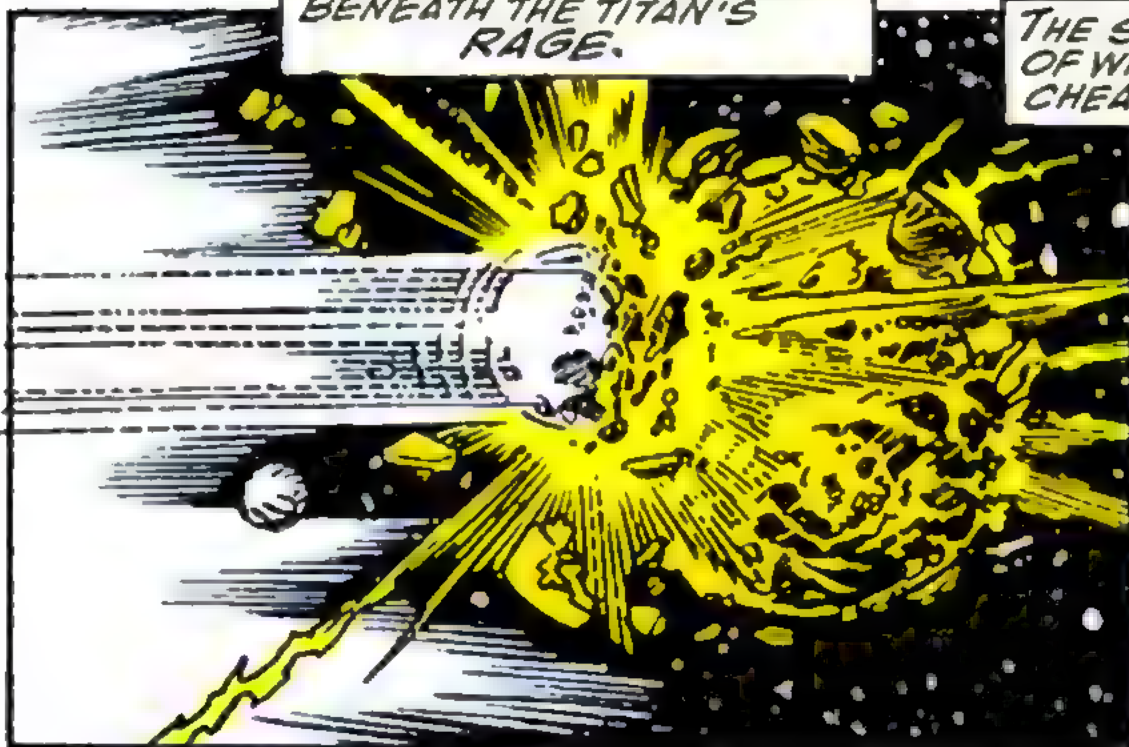
ITS END IS
BREATHTAKING.



YET IT IS BUT ONE OF
MANY THAT WILL FALL
BEFORE THE WRATH
OF THANOS...
THE SUPREME BEING
OF THIS UNIVERSE
AND REALITY.

A PLANET I WAS ABOUT
TO CONSUME CRUMBLES
BENEATH THE TITAN'S
RAGE.

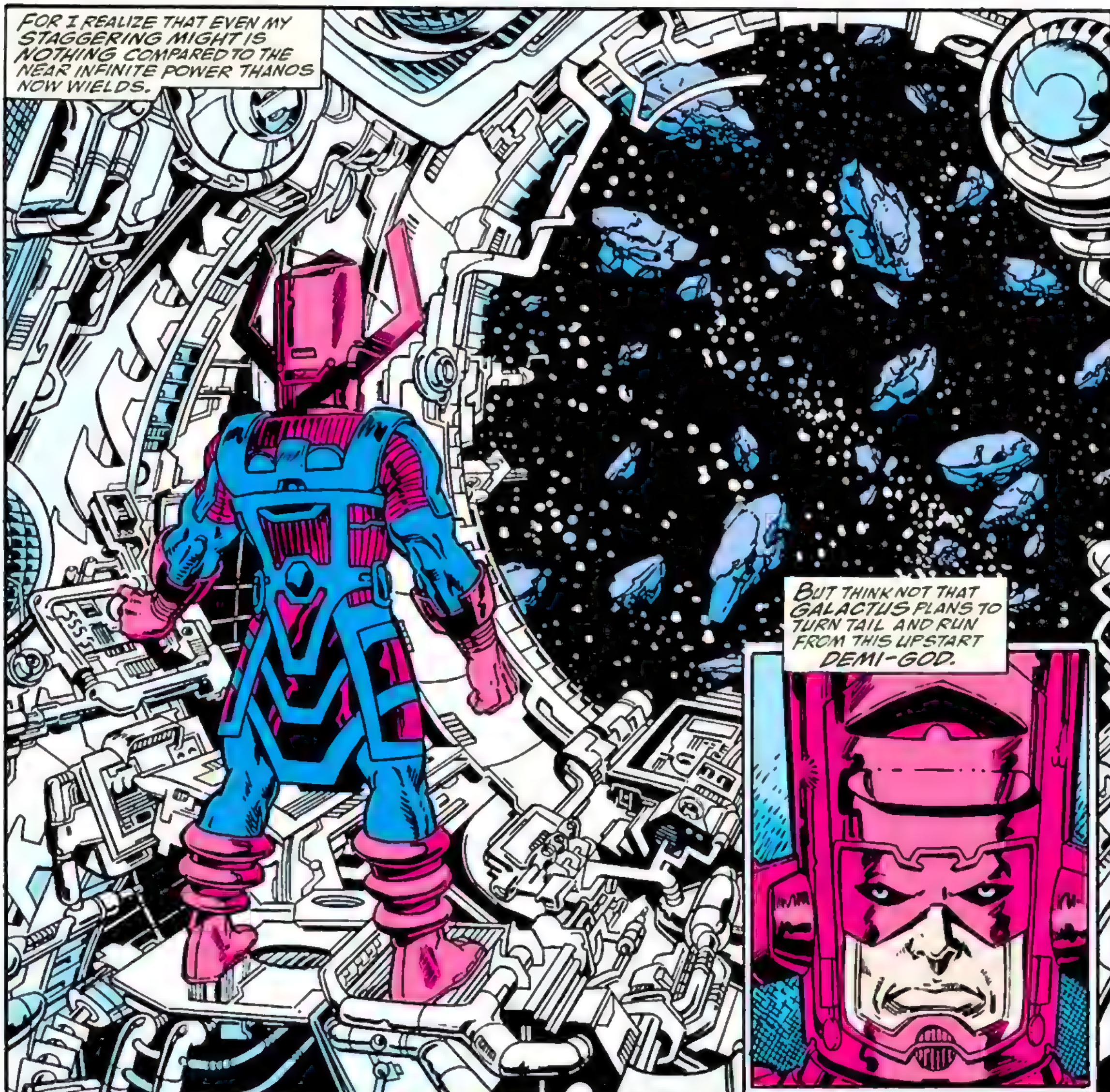
THE SECOND BANQUET
OF WHICH HE HAS
CHEATED ME.



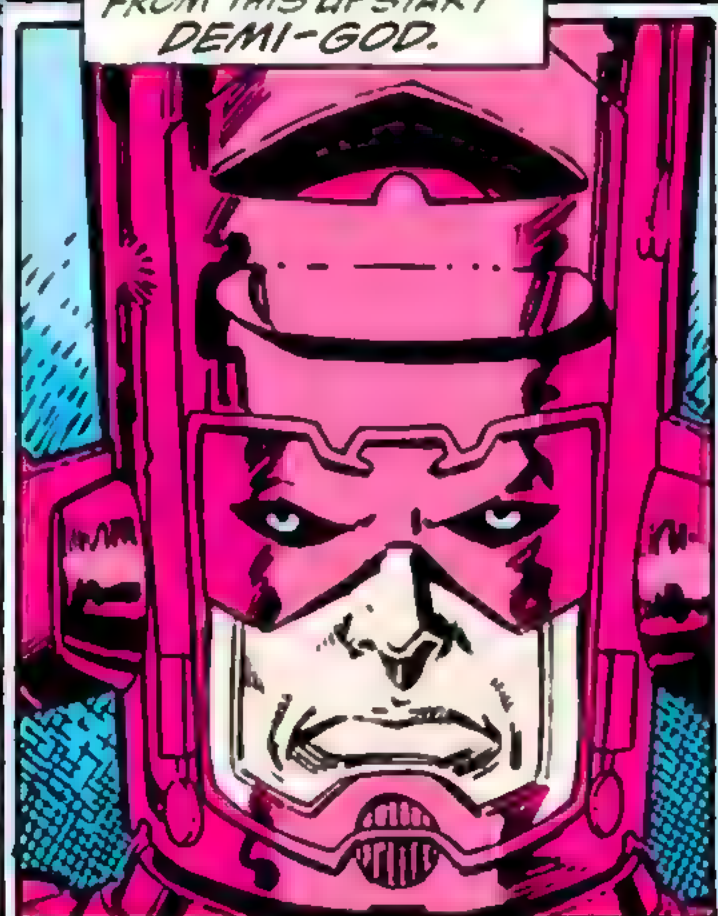
YET, I KEEP
MY ANGER
IN CHECK.

I HAVE TO...

FOR I REALIZE THAT EVEN MY STAGGERING MIGHT IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE NEAR INFINITE POWER THANOS NOW WIELDS.



BUT THINK NOT THAT GALACTUS PLANS TO TURN TAIL AND RUN FROM THIS UPSTART DEMI-GOD.

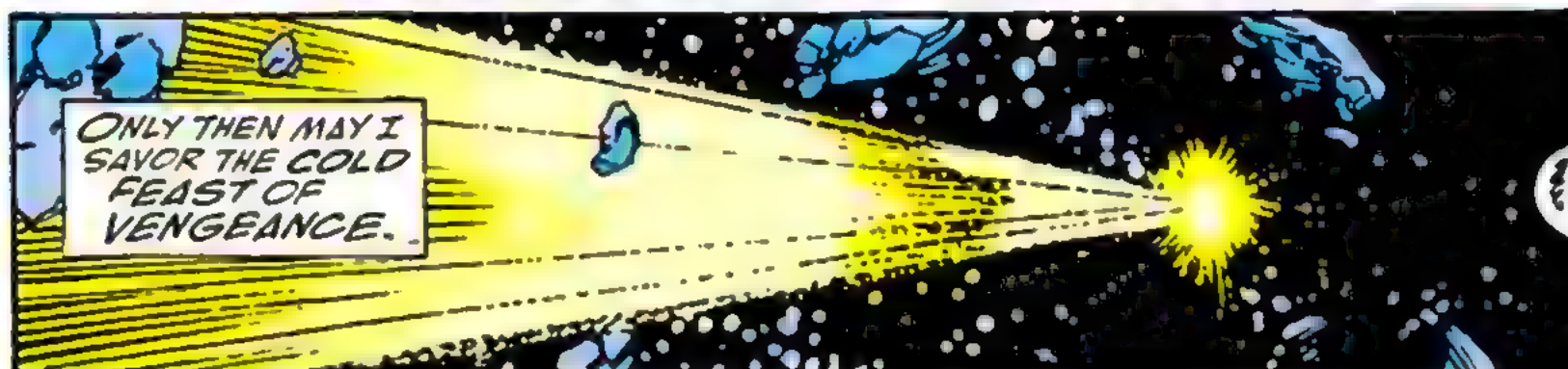


GALACTUS IS A BEING OF POWER AND INTELLECT.

PLANS MUST BE CONCEIVED AND ALLIANCES FORMED.



ONLY THEN MAY I SAVOR THE COLD FEAST OF VENGEANCE.

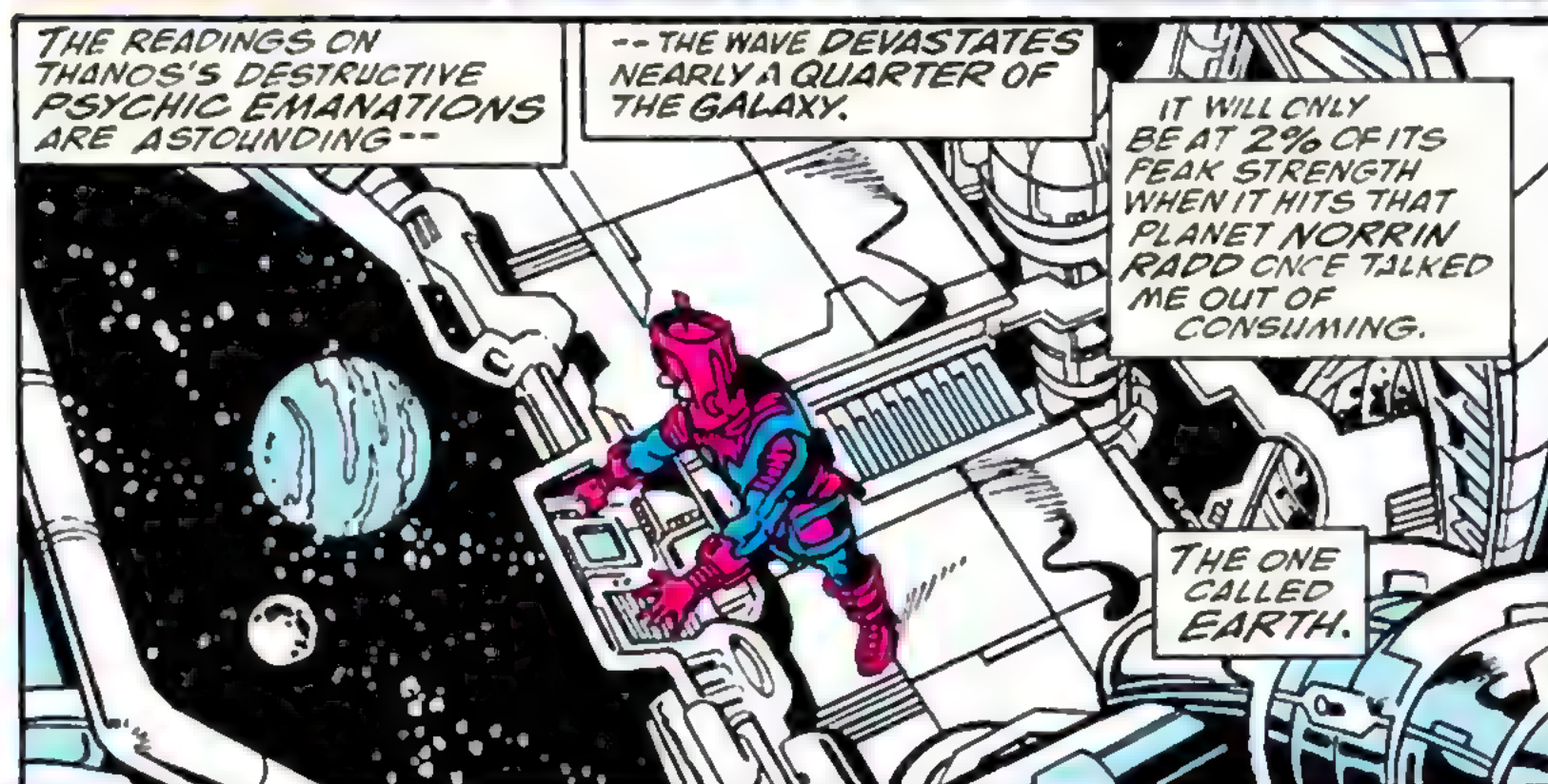


THE READINGS ON THANOS'S DESTRUCTIVE PSYCHIC EMANATIONS ARE ASTOUNDING--

-- THE WAVE DEVASTATES NEARLY A QUARTER OF THE GALAXY.

IT WILL ONLY BE AT 29% OF ITS PEAK STRENGTH WHEN IT HITS THAT PLANET NORRIN RADD ONCE TALKED ME OUT OF CONSUMING.

THE ONE CALLED EARTH.



I AM LOST.

DAGGER IS GONE.

HOW CAN I GO ON?

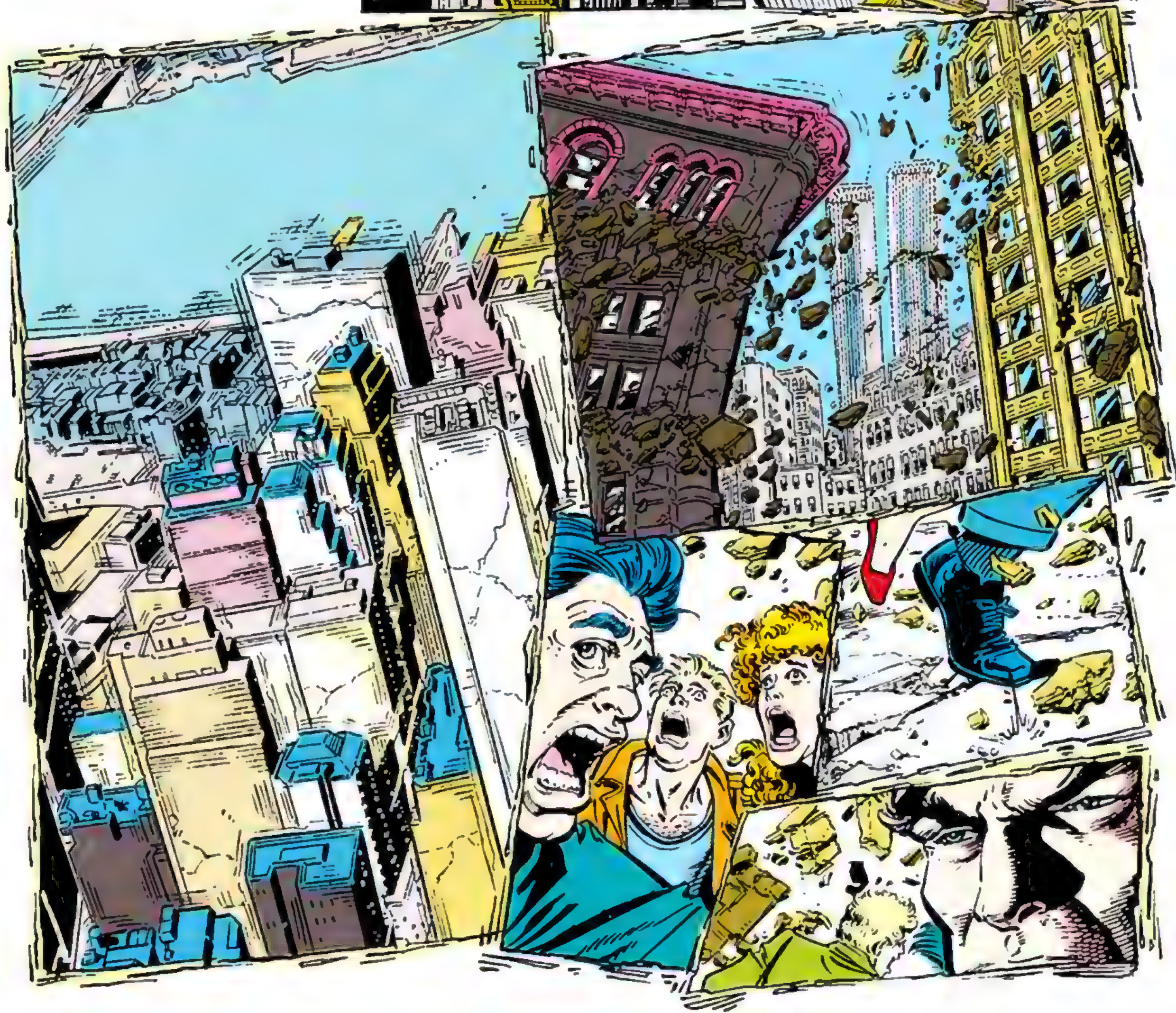
THE TRUTH IS I HAVE
NO REASON TO.

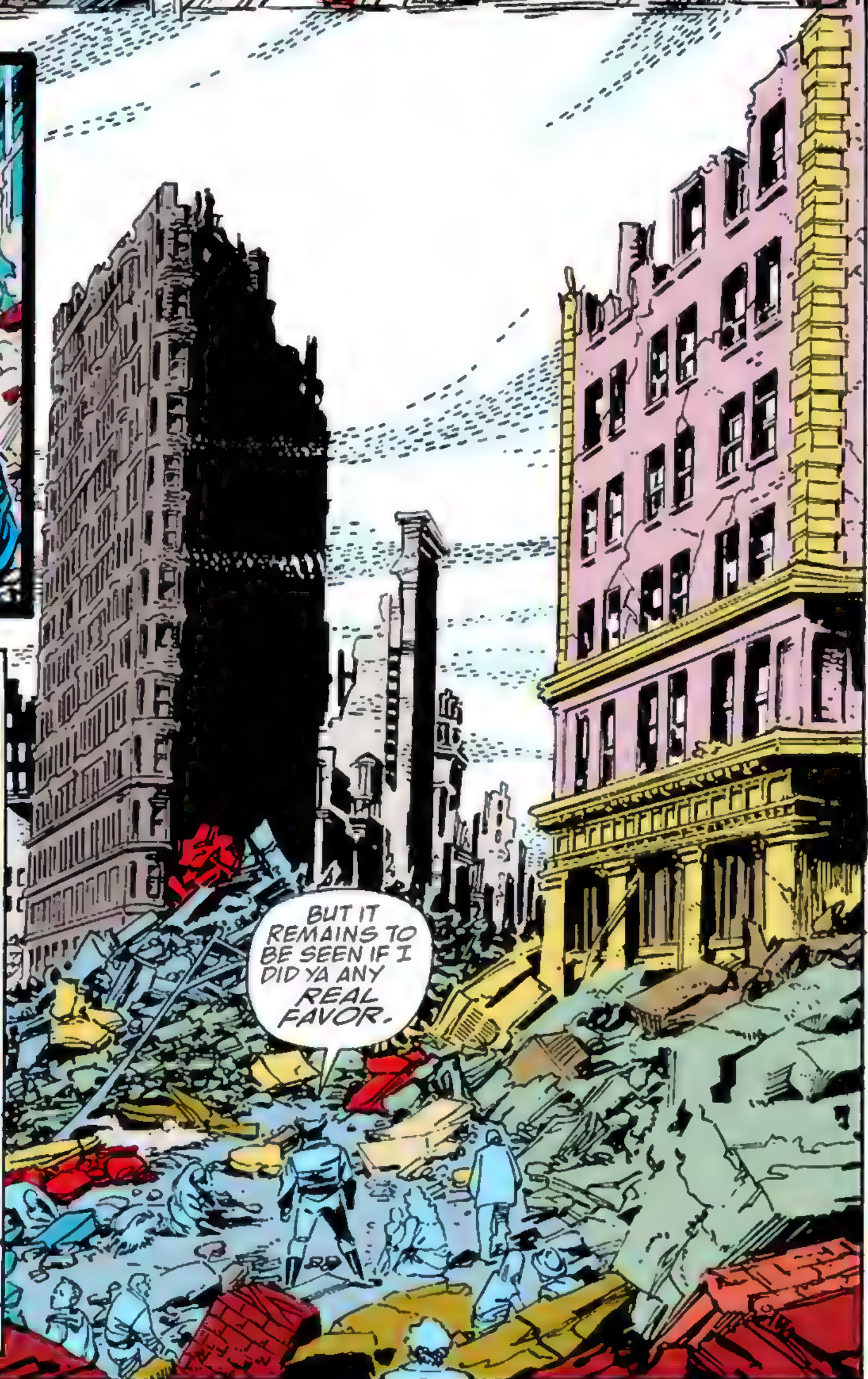
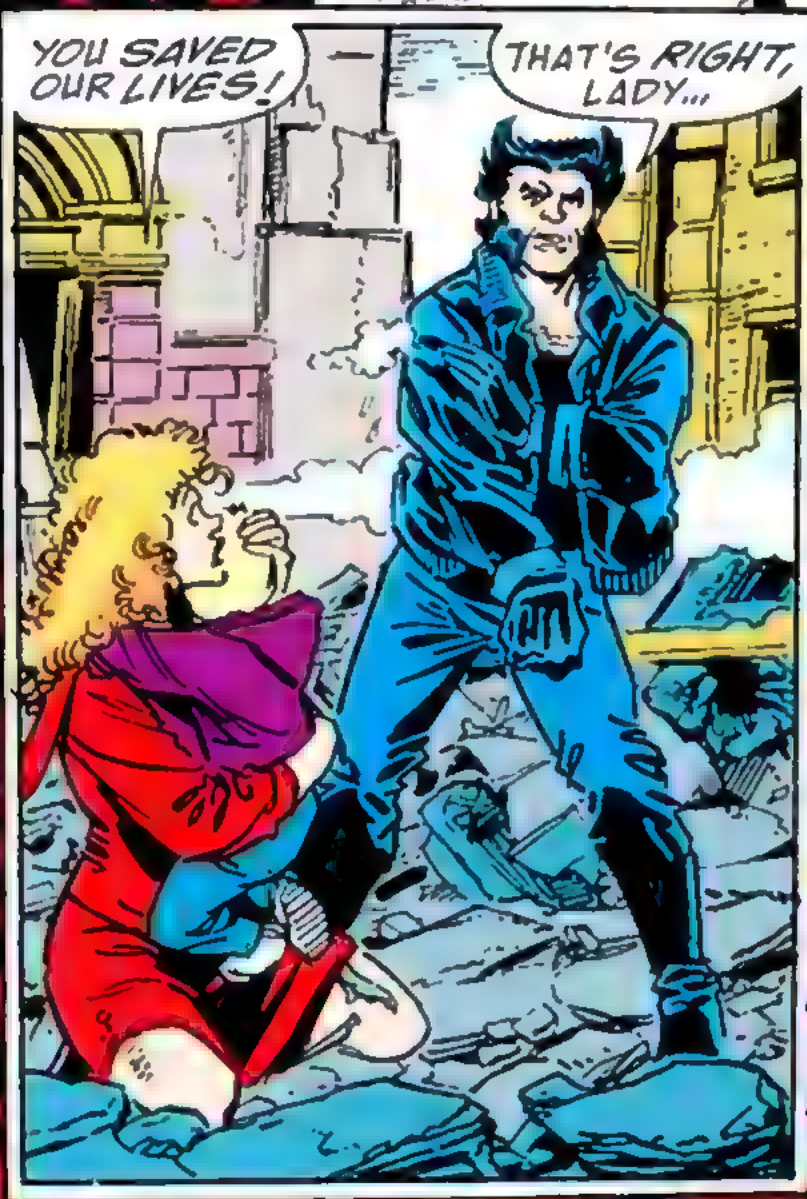
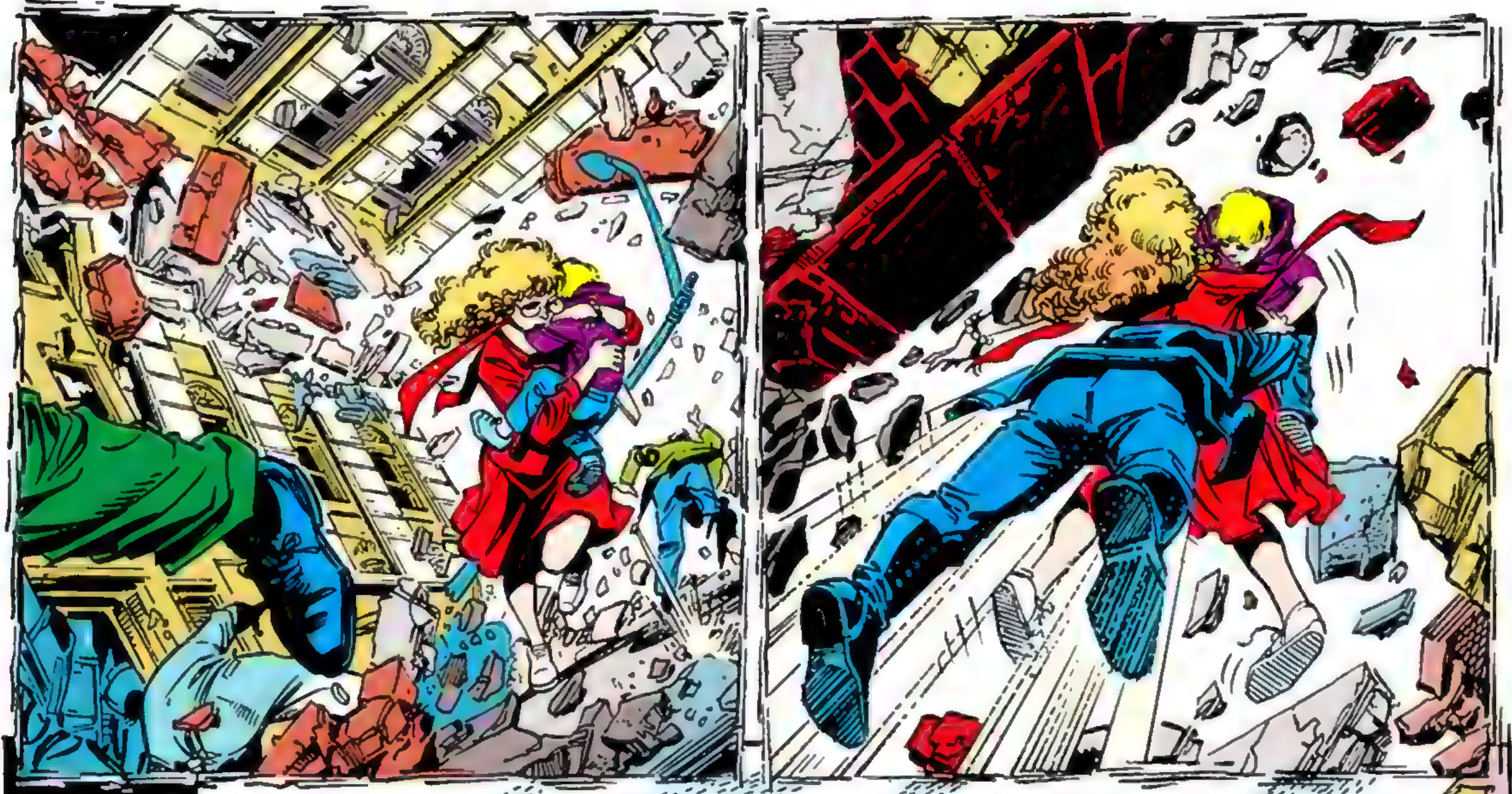
THE LADY AND I WERE
LINKED IN SO MANY
WAYS, TWO HALVES
OF A WHOLE.

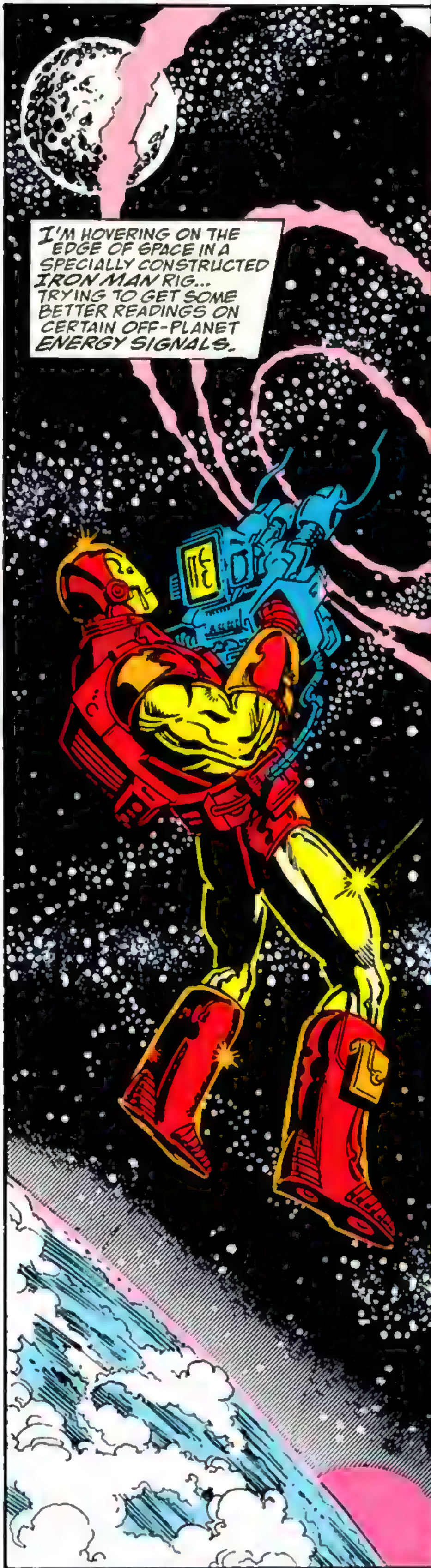
I AM BETTER OFF
DEAD.

I CAN NEVER--

WHAT!?



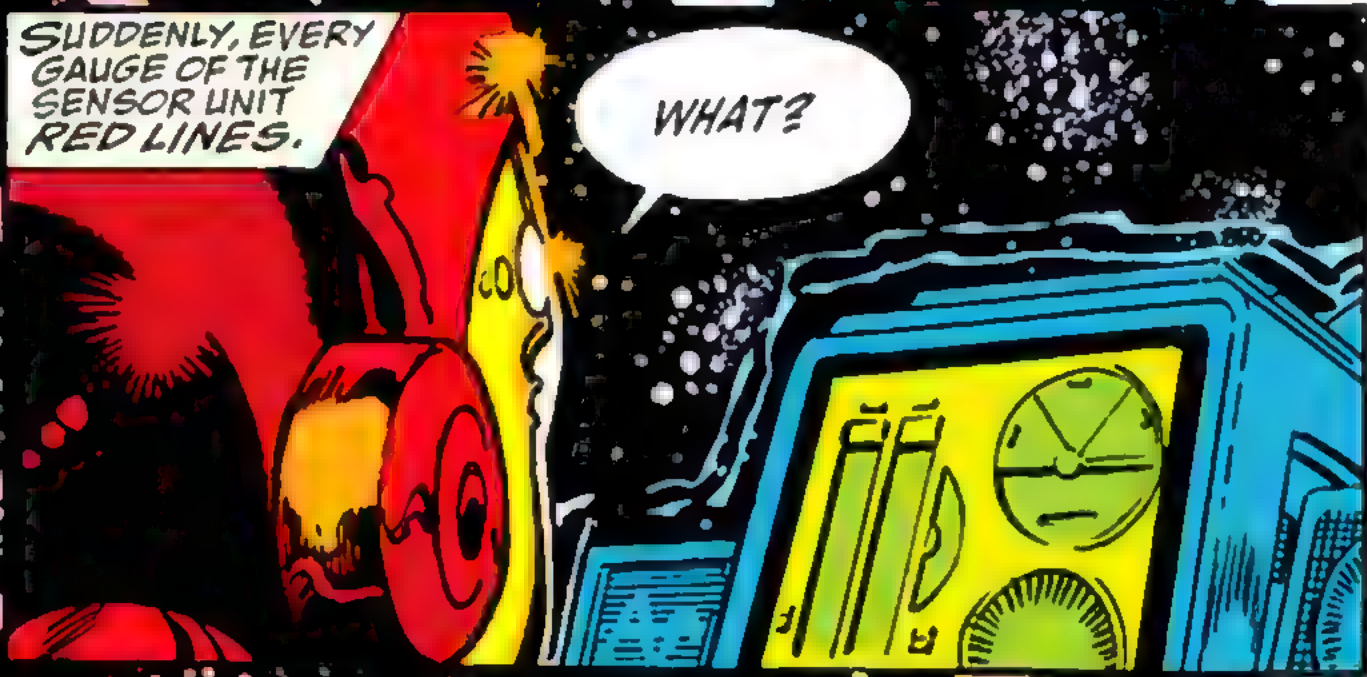




I'M HOVERING ON THE
EDGE OF SPACE IN A
SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED
IRON MAN RIG...
TRYING TO GET SOME
BETTER READINGS ON
CERTAIN OFF-PLANET
ENERGY SIGNALS.

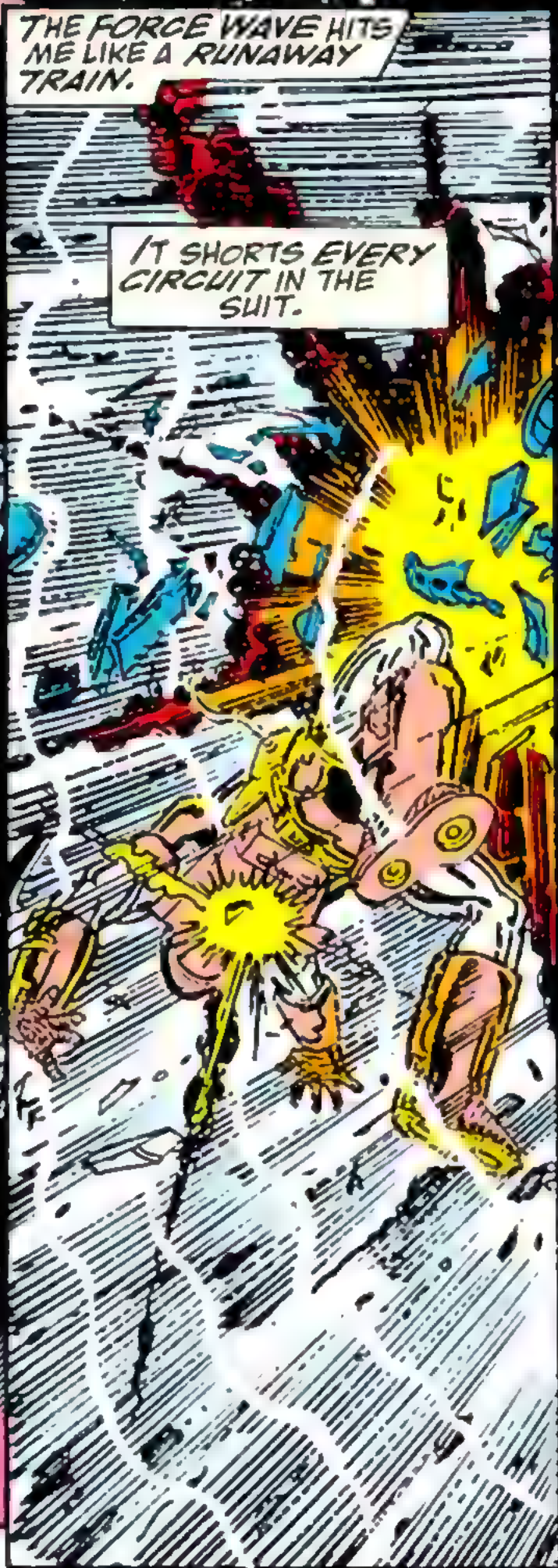


I SUSPECT THEY HAVE
SOMETHING TO DO WITH
THE GREAT DISAPPEARANCE.



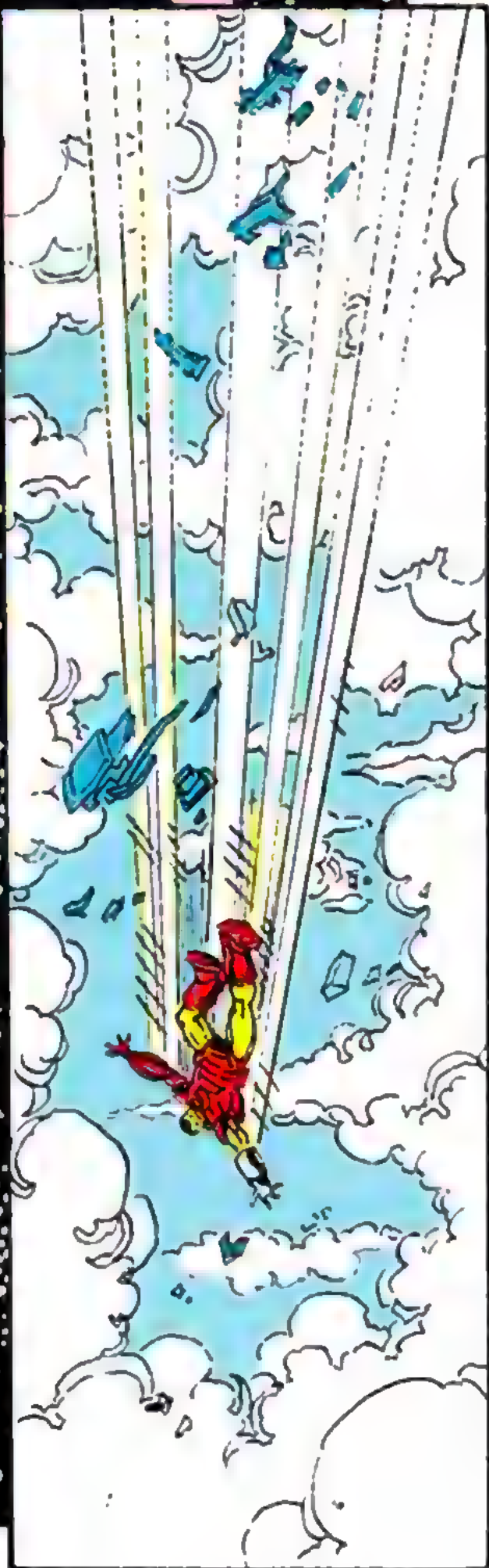
SUDDENLY, EVERY
GAUGE OF THE
SENSOR UNIT
RED LINES.

WHAT?

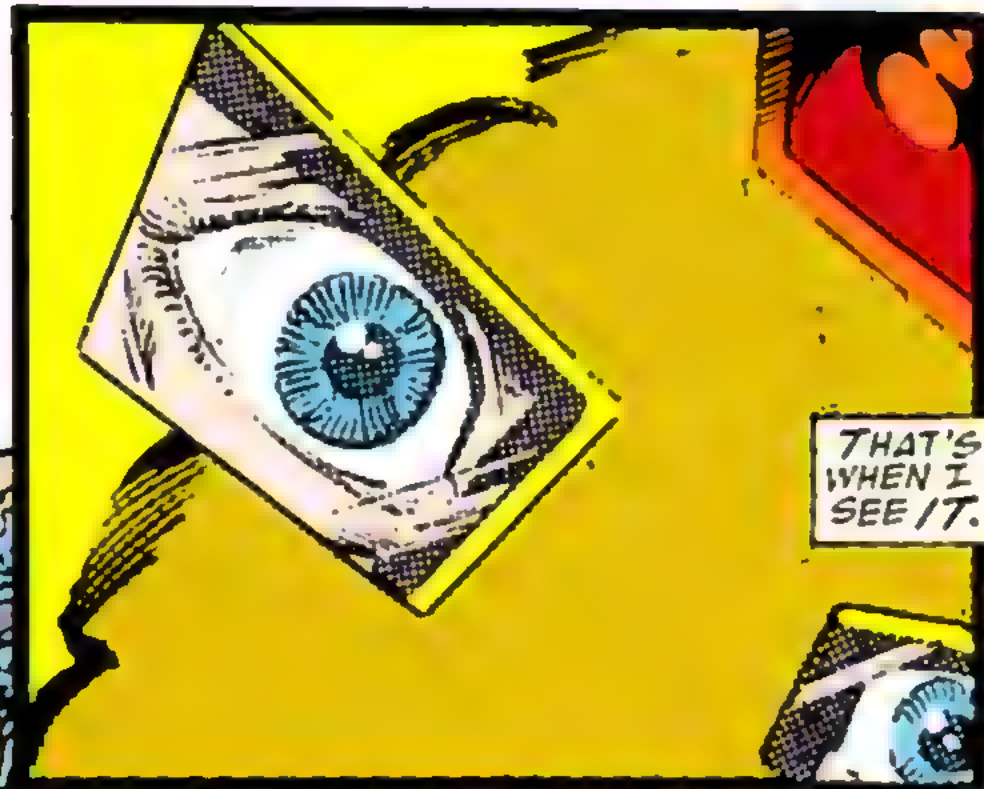


THE FORCE WAVE HITS
ME LIKE A RUNAWAY
TRAIN.

IT SHORTS EVERY
CIRCUIT IN THE
SUIT.



FORTUNATELY,
MY BACK-UP
SYSTEM'S
ABLE TO KICK IN.



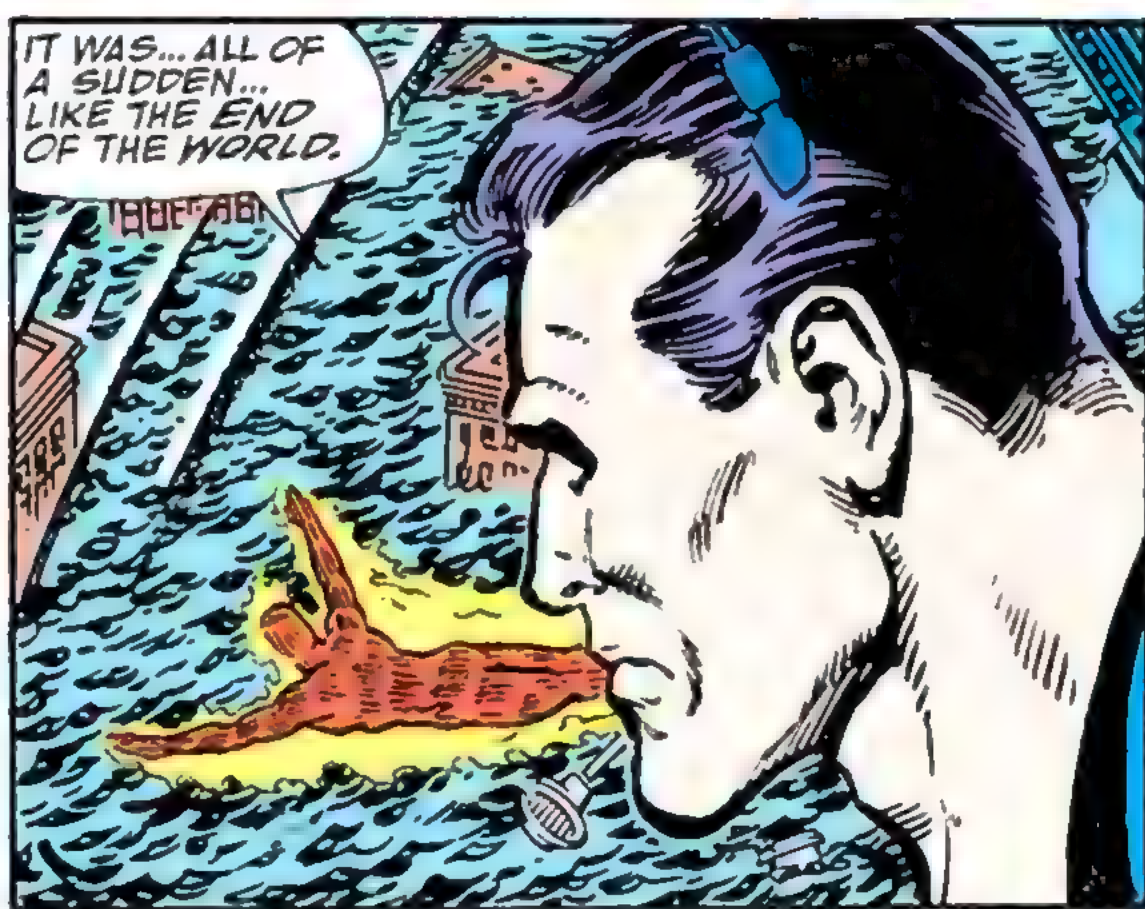
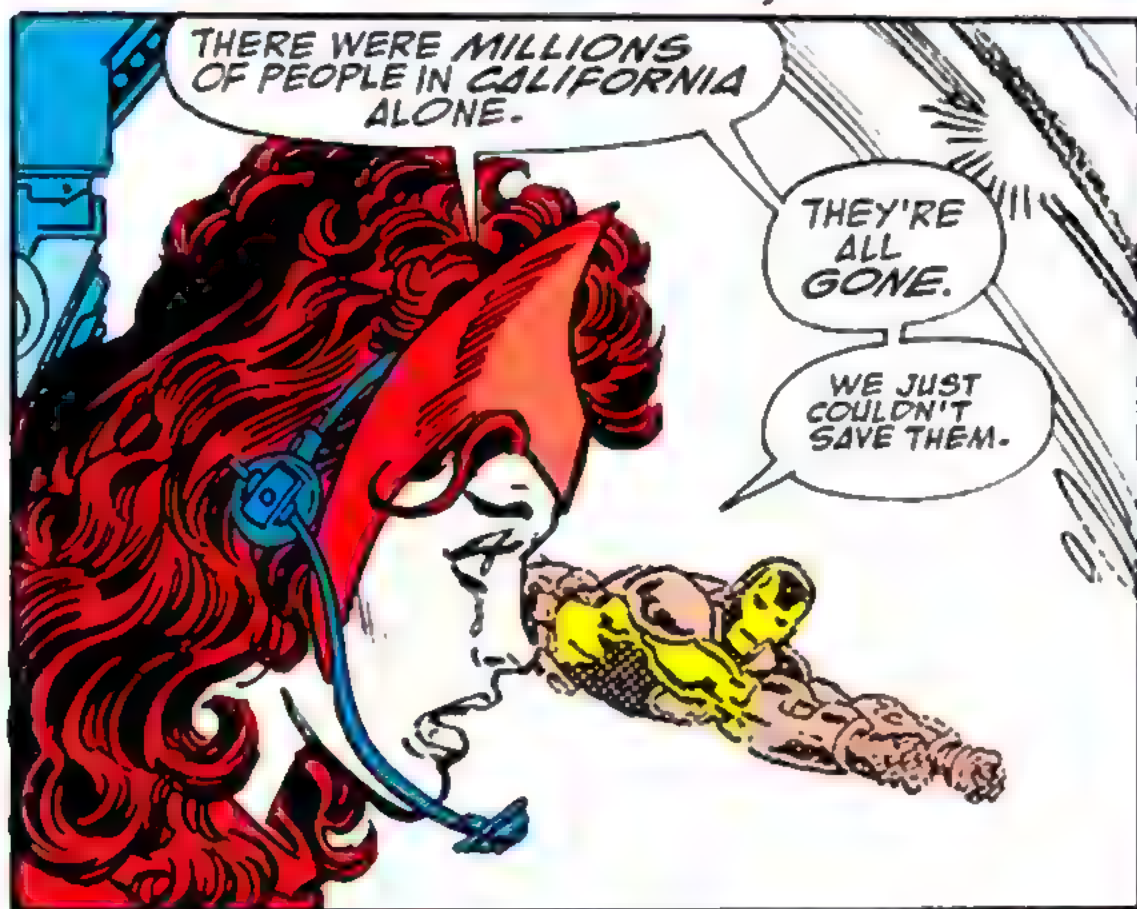
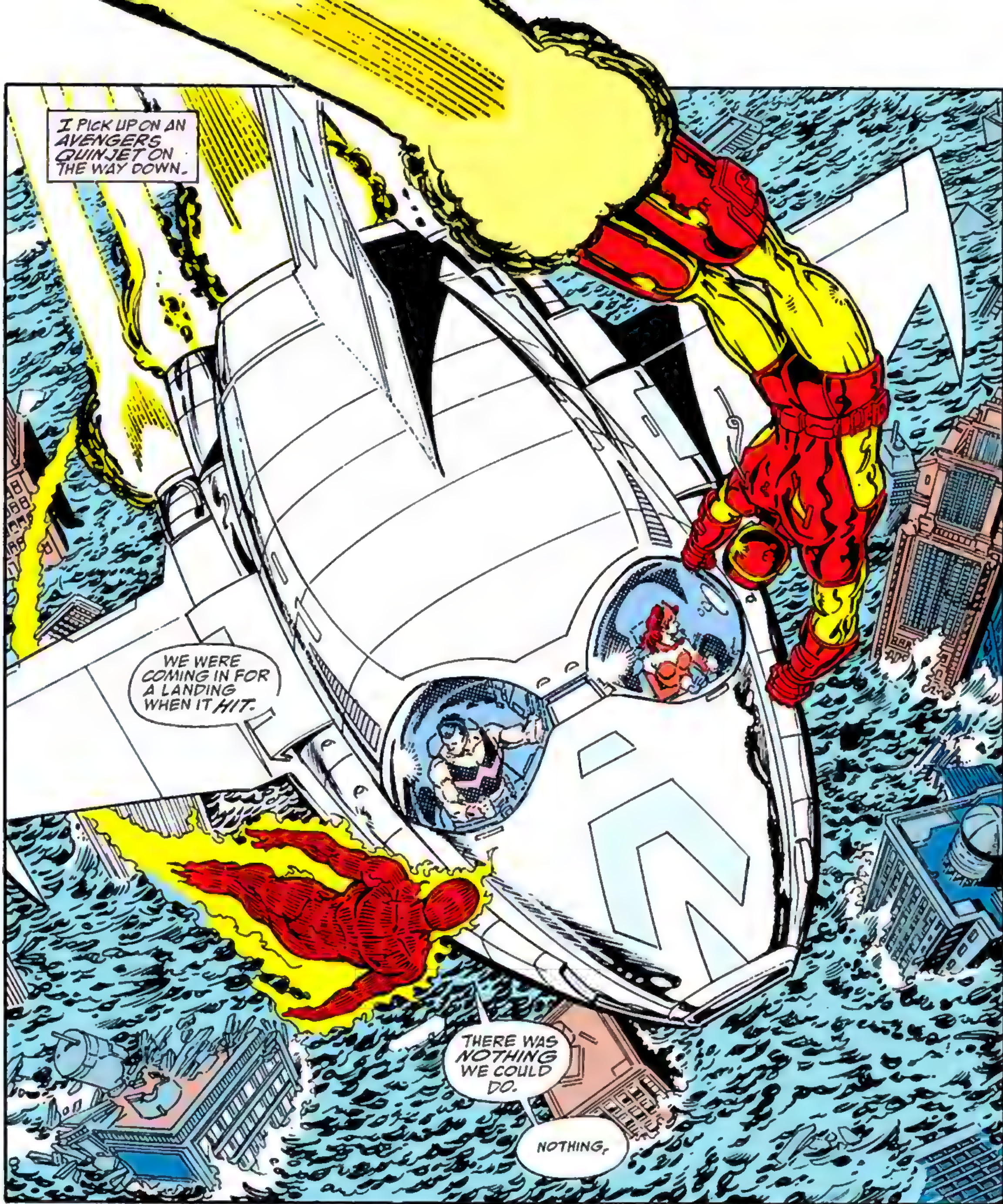
THAT'S
WHEN I
SEE IT.

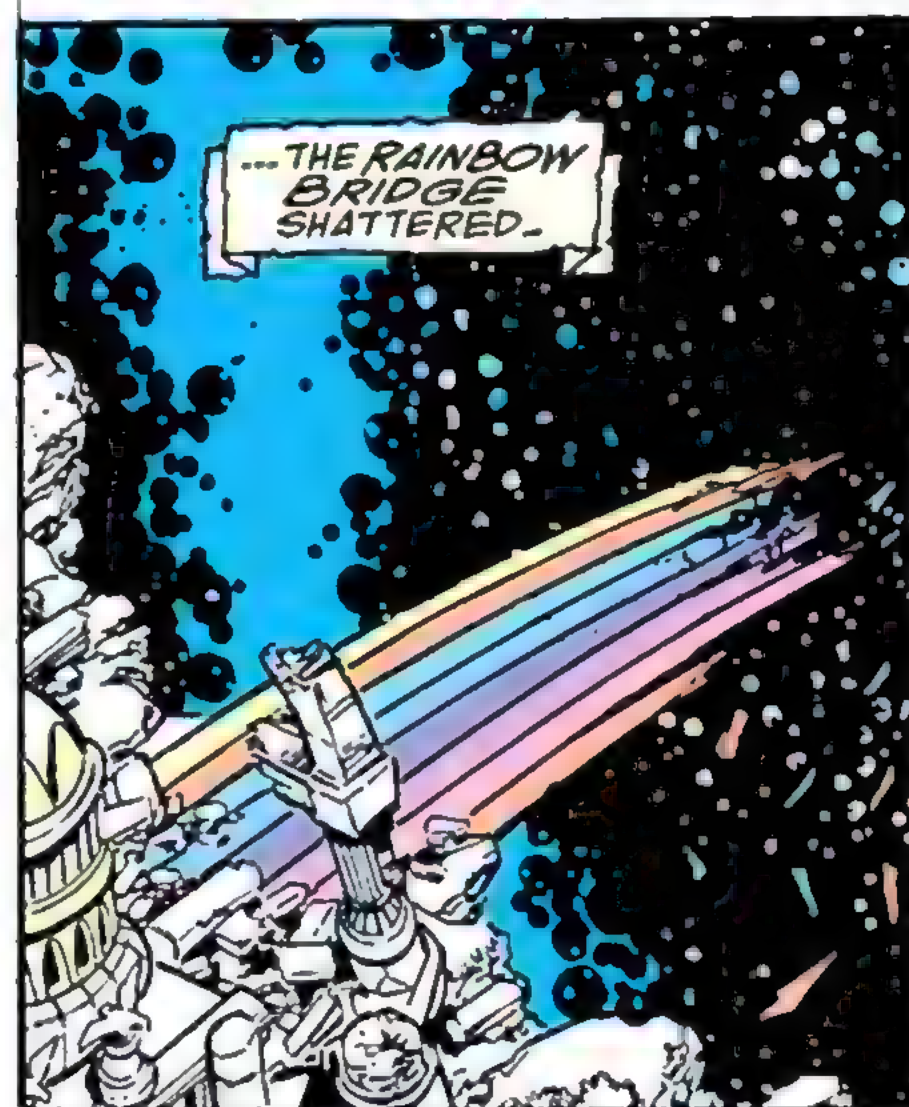
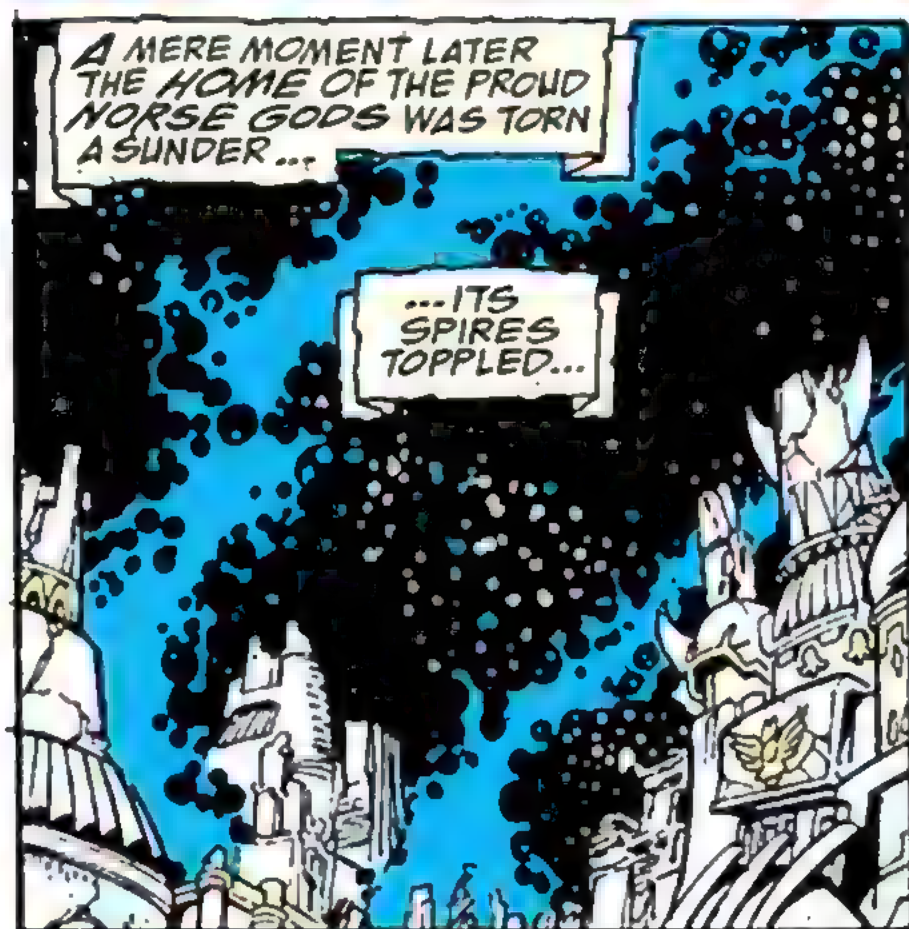
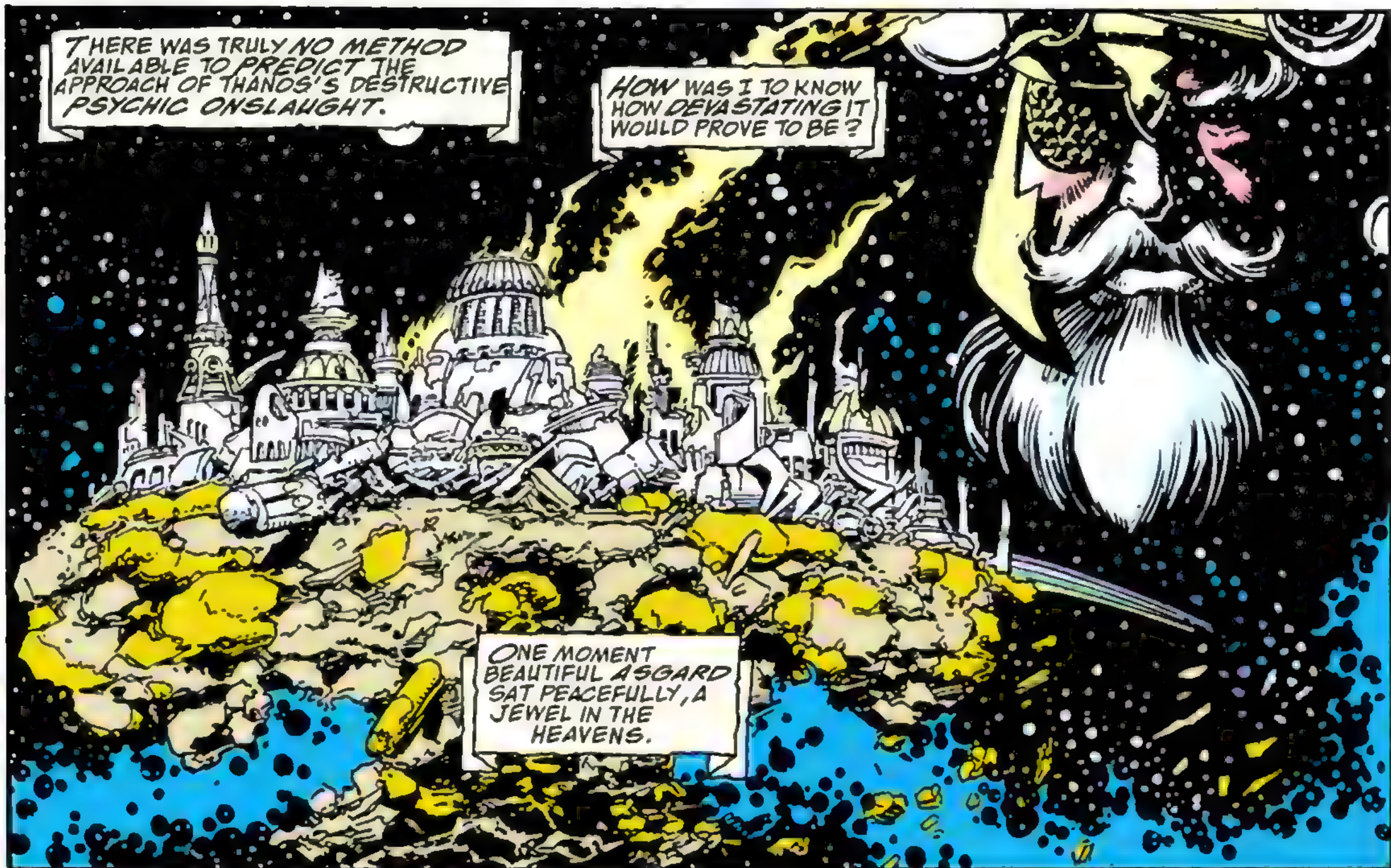
FROM THIS ALTITUDE
IT'S QUITE A SIGHT,
ONE THAT WILL SURELY
GIVE ME NIGHT-
MARES FOR THE
REST OF MY LIFE.

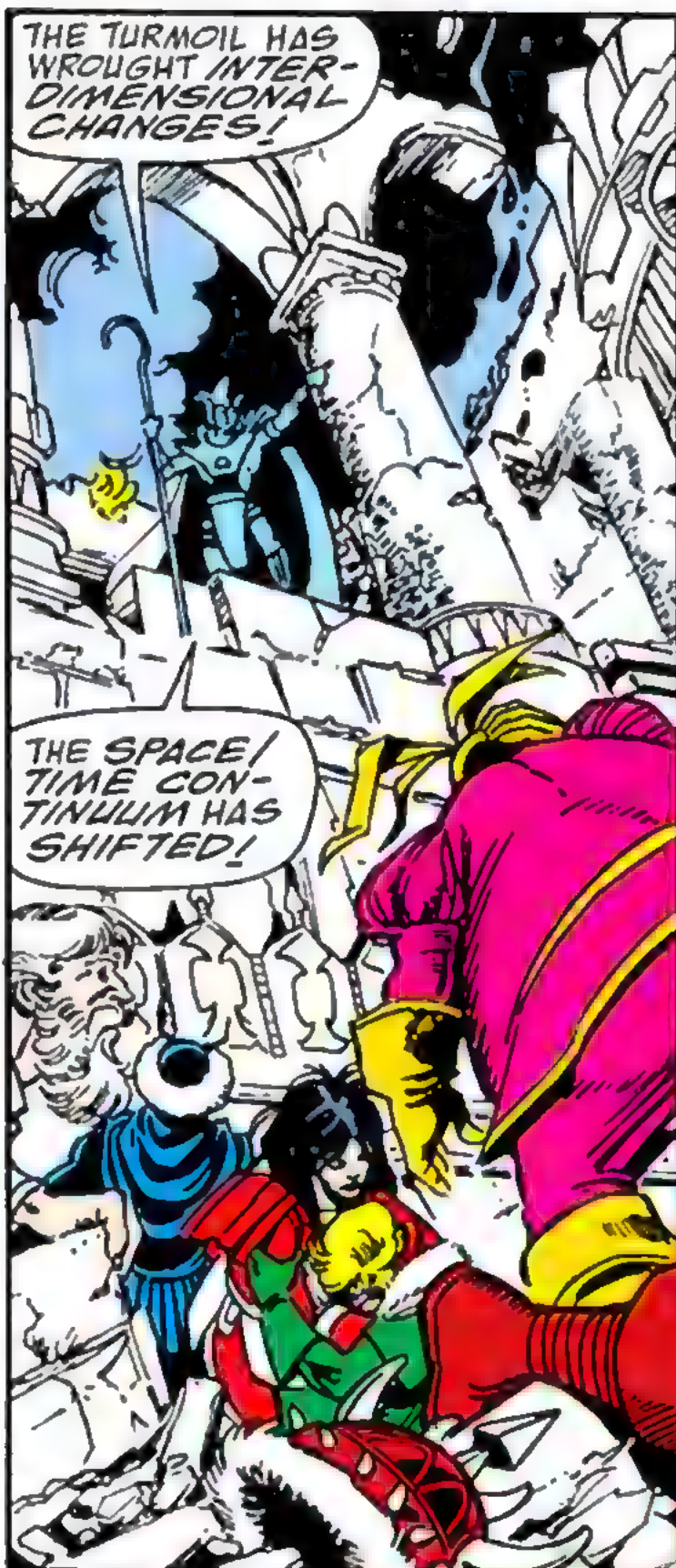
HELPLESSLY I WATCH AS
THE ENTIRE WESTERN
COAST OF THE UNITED
STATES BREAKS OFF
AND FALLS INTO THE
OCEAN.

I KNOW THERE'S
NOTHING I CAN DO
TO HELP...

... BUT I
HAVE TO
TRY.







THE TURMOIL HAS
WROUGHT INTER-
DIMENSIONAL
CHANGES!

THE SPACE/
TIME CON-
TINUUM HAS
SHIFTED!



WE HATH BEEN
CUT OFF FROM
MIDGARD AND
ITS REALITY!

WE ARE
TRAPPED ON
ASGARD!

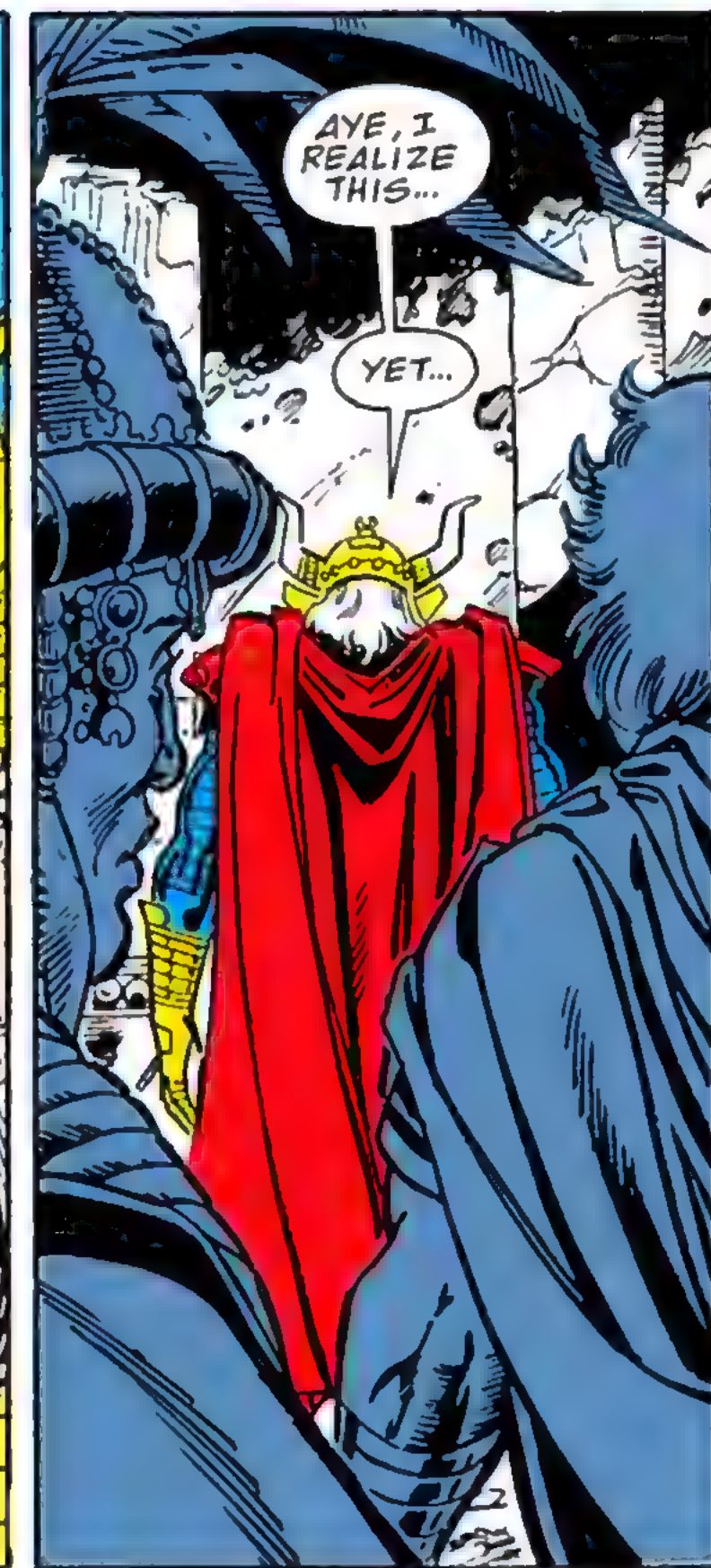


UNABLE TO
RETURN AND
PROTECT OUR
HOMES!



BLAME NOT
YOURSELF, MY
BROTHER.

THERE WAS
NO WAY YOU COULD
HAVE KNOWN.



AYE, I
REALIZE
THIS...

YET...

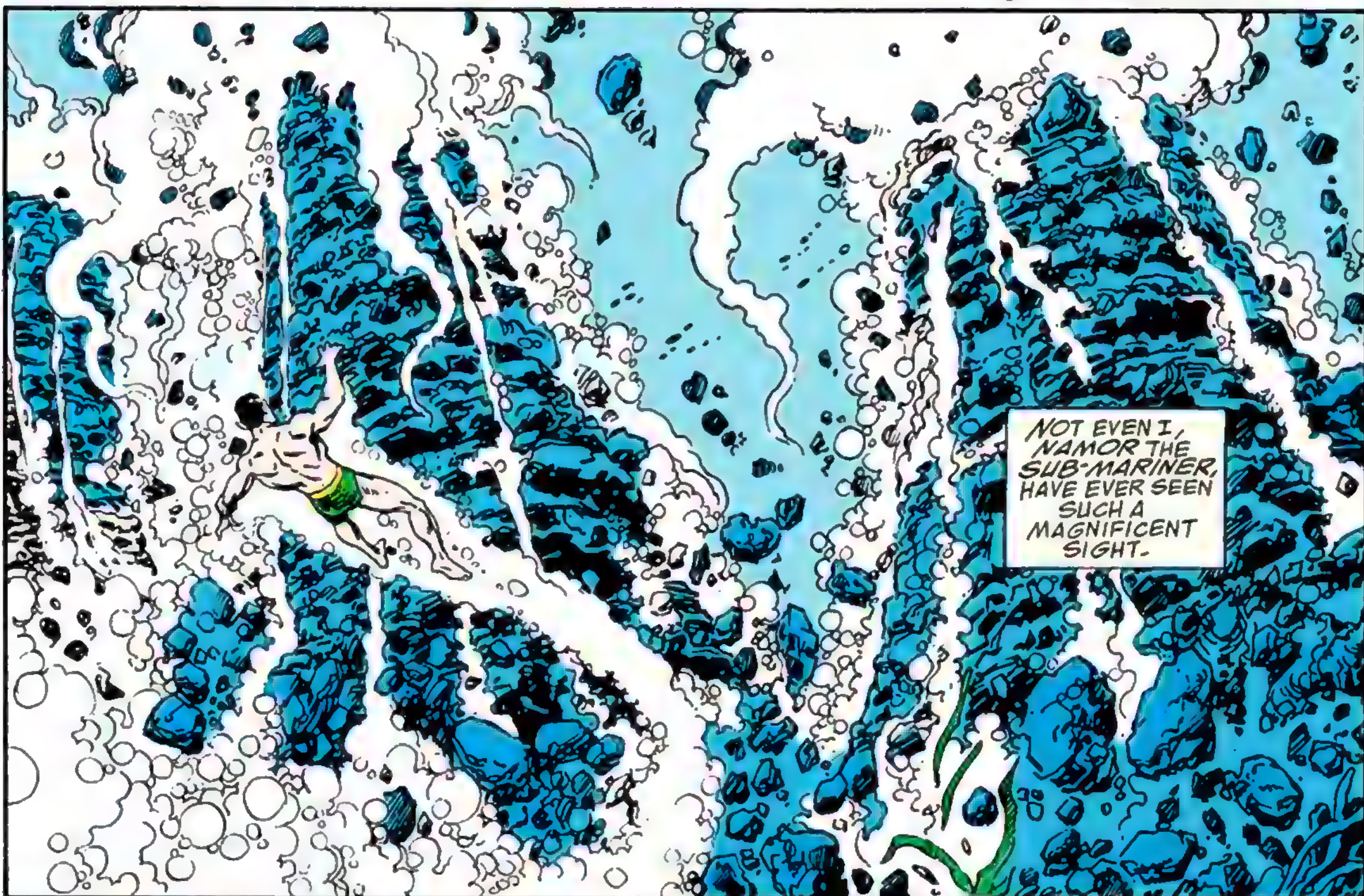


...STILL MY
HEART AND
SOUL DAMN ME
FOR A FOOL.

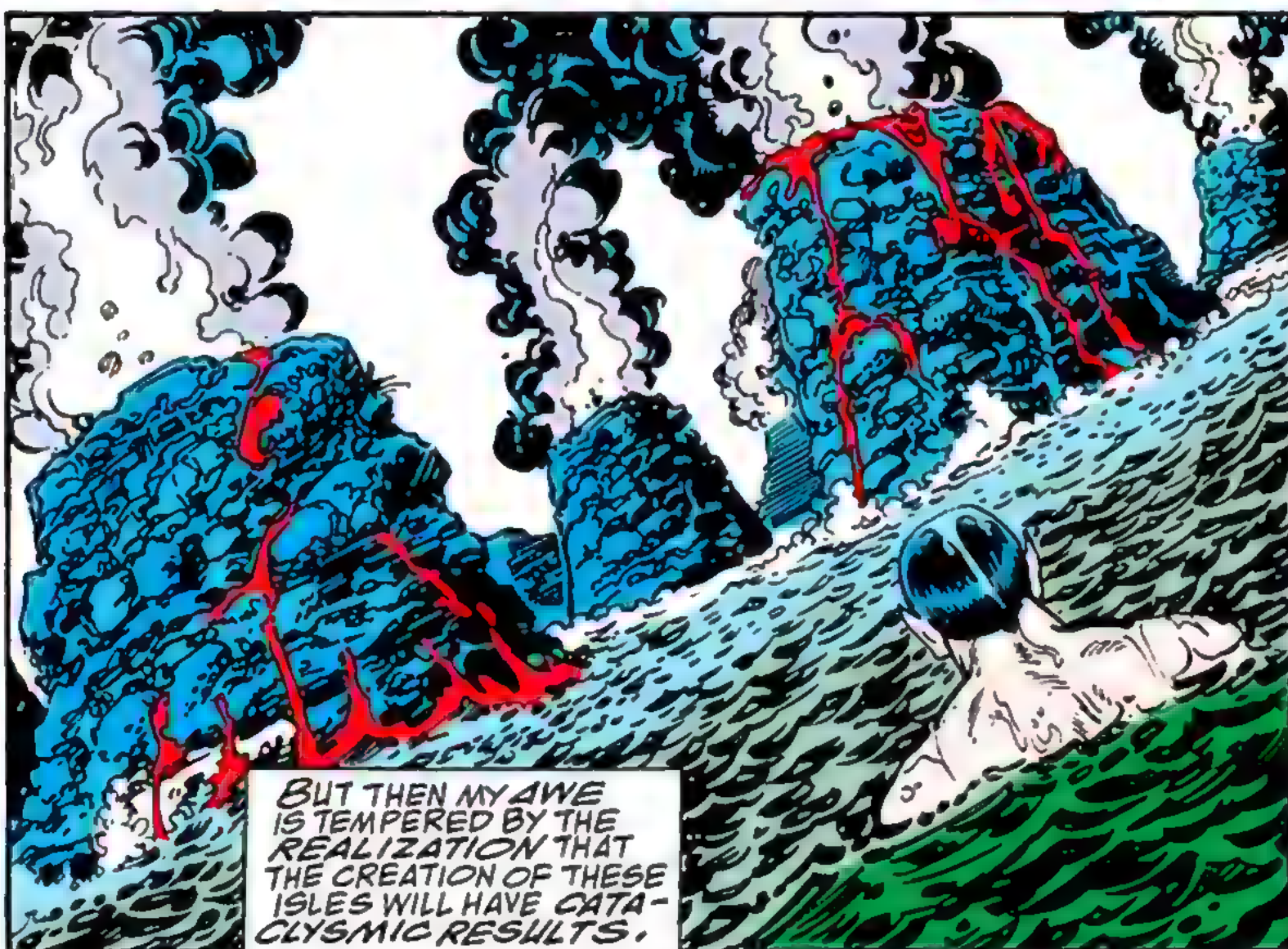


I FELT THE TREMORS
AND TRACED THEM
ACROSS THE ATLANTIC
OCEAN FLOOR TO
THEIR SOURCE.

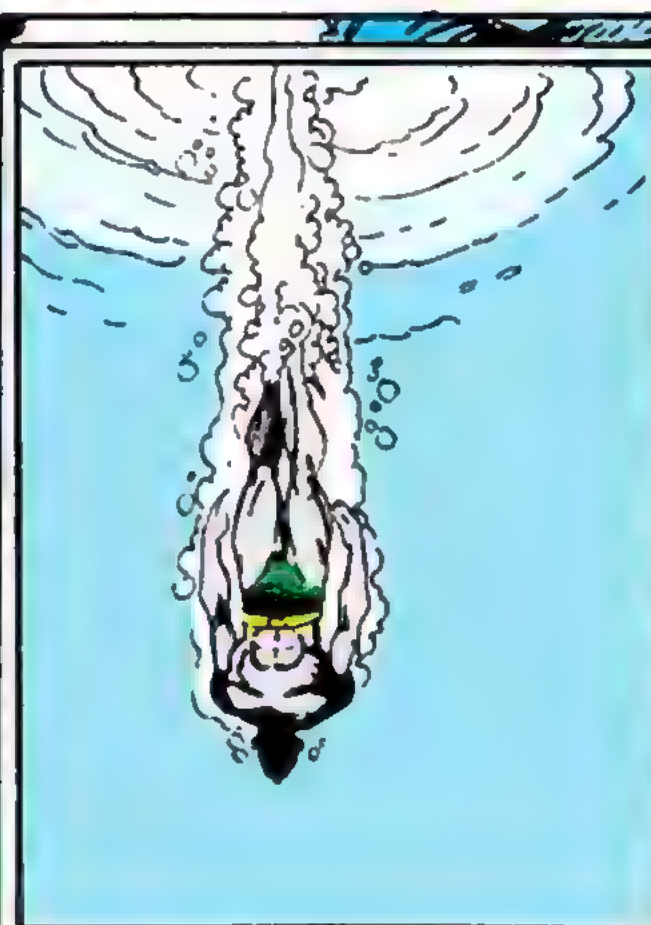
WHAT I DISCOVERED
WAS THE
INCREDIBLE.



NOT EVEN I,
NAMOR THE
SUB-MARINER,
HAVE EVER SEEN
SUCH A
MAGNIFICENT
SIGHT.



BUT THEN MY AWE
IS TEMPERED BY THE
REALIZATION THAT
THE CREATION OF THESE
ISLES WILL HAVE CATA-
CLYSMIC RESULTS.



THERE WILL BE TIDAL WAVES,
PROBABLY EVEN NOW HEADING
TOWARD THE EASTERN COAST
OF THE UNITED STATES.

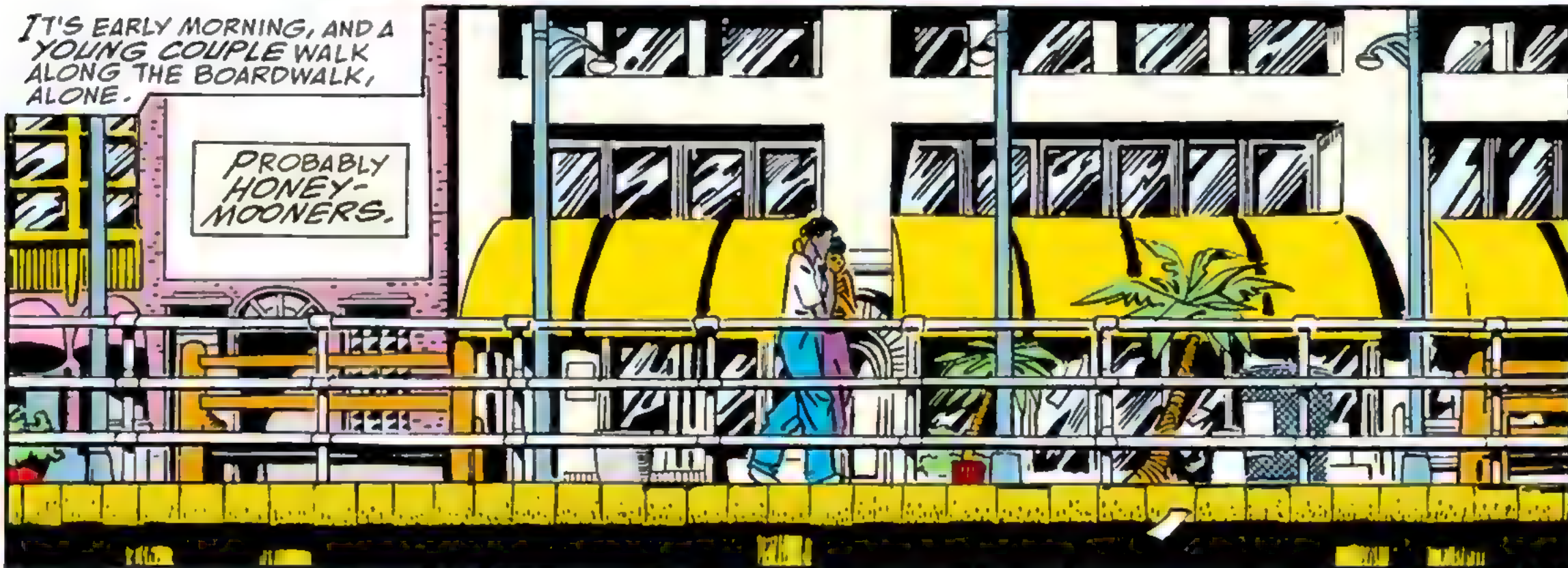
NAMORITA'S
THE NAME.

IT'S BY SHEER
CHANCE THAT
I'M FLYING OVER
ATLANTIC
CITY.



IT'S EARLY MORNING, AND A
YOUNG COUPLE WALK
ALONG THE BOARDWALK,
ALONE.

PROBABLY
HONEY-
MOONERS.



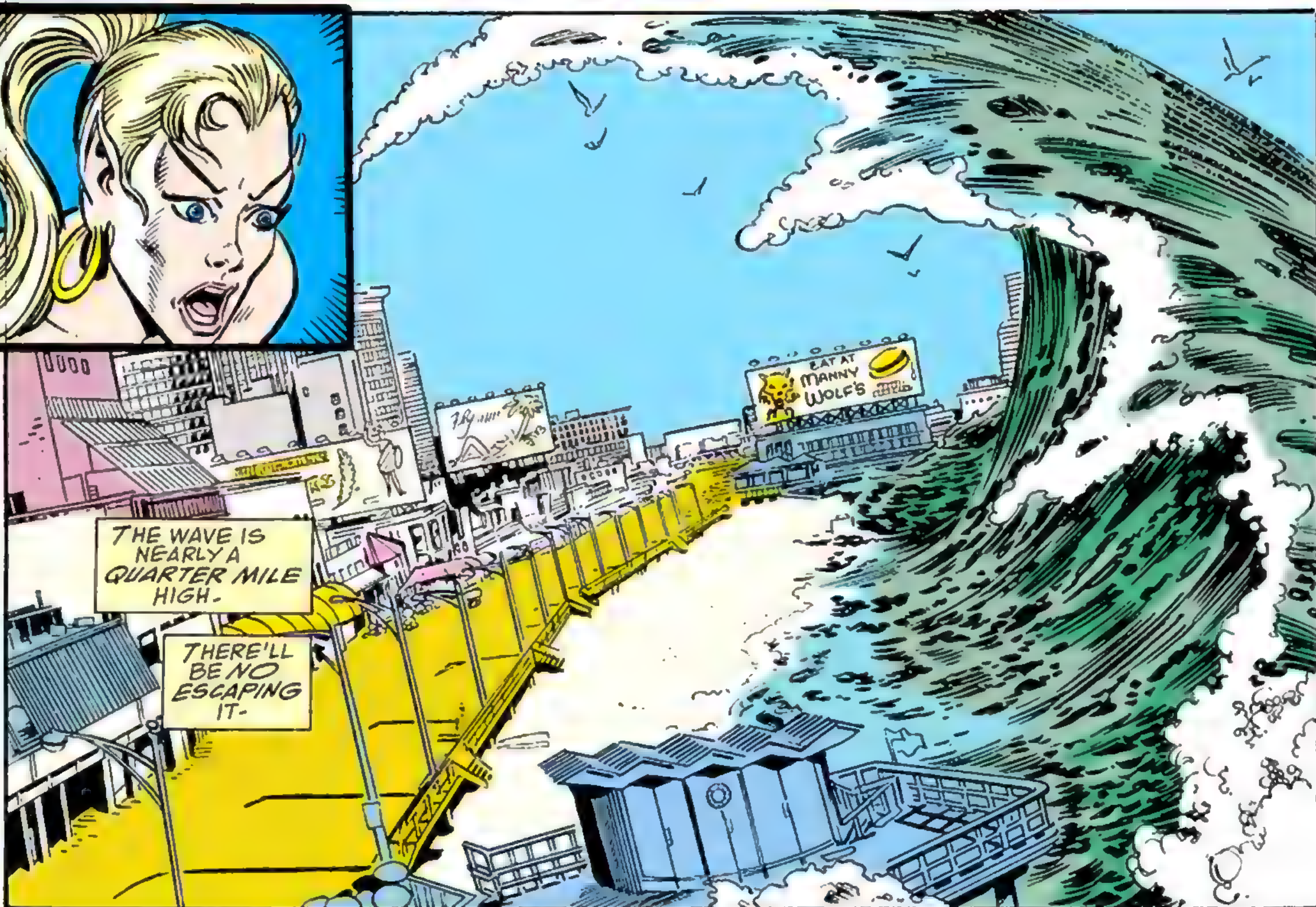
THEY
HEAR THE
ROAR...

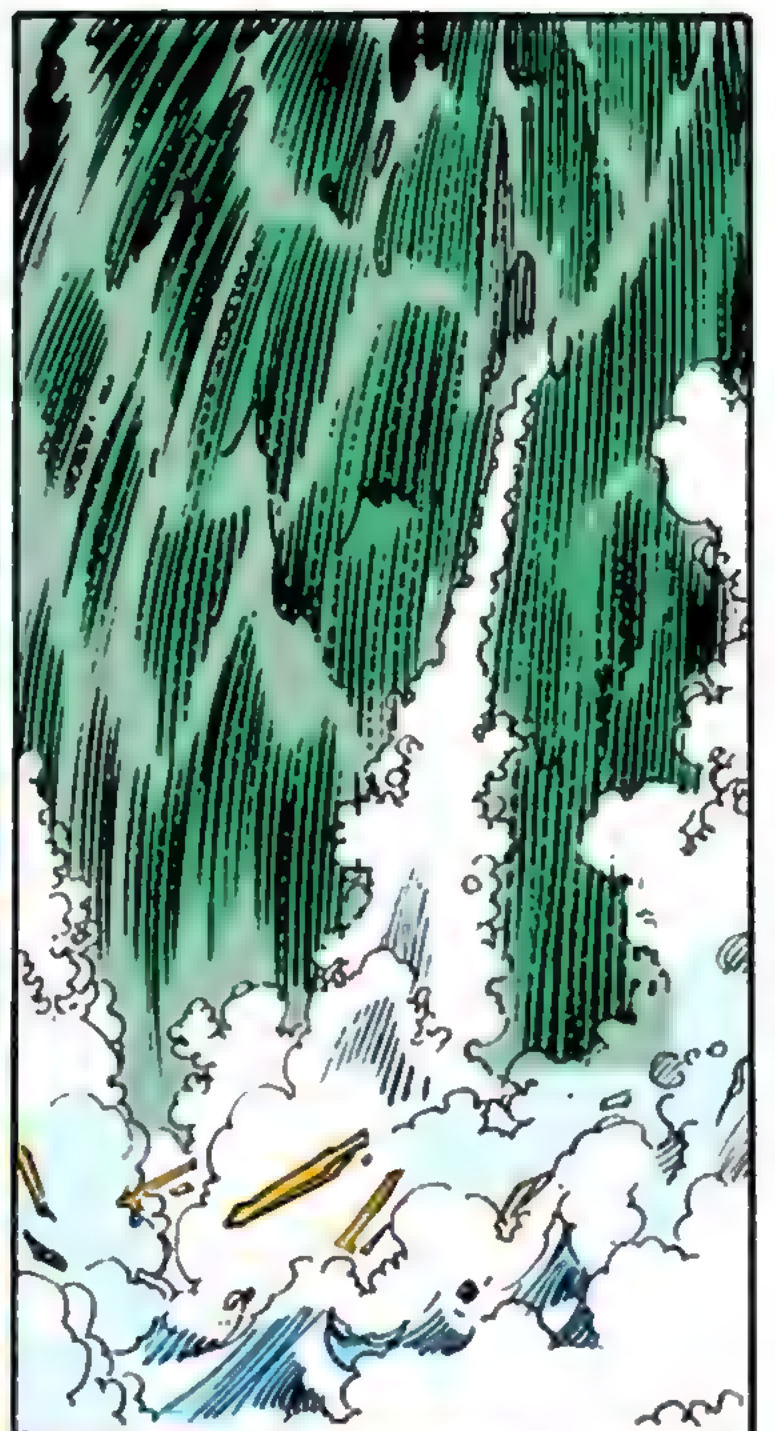
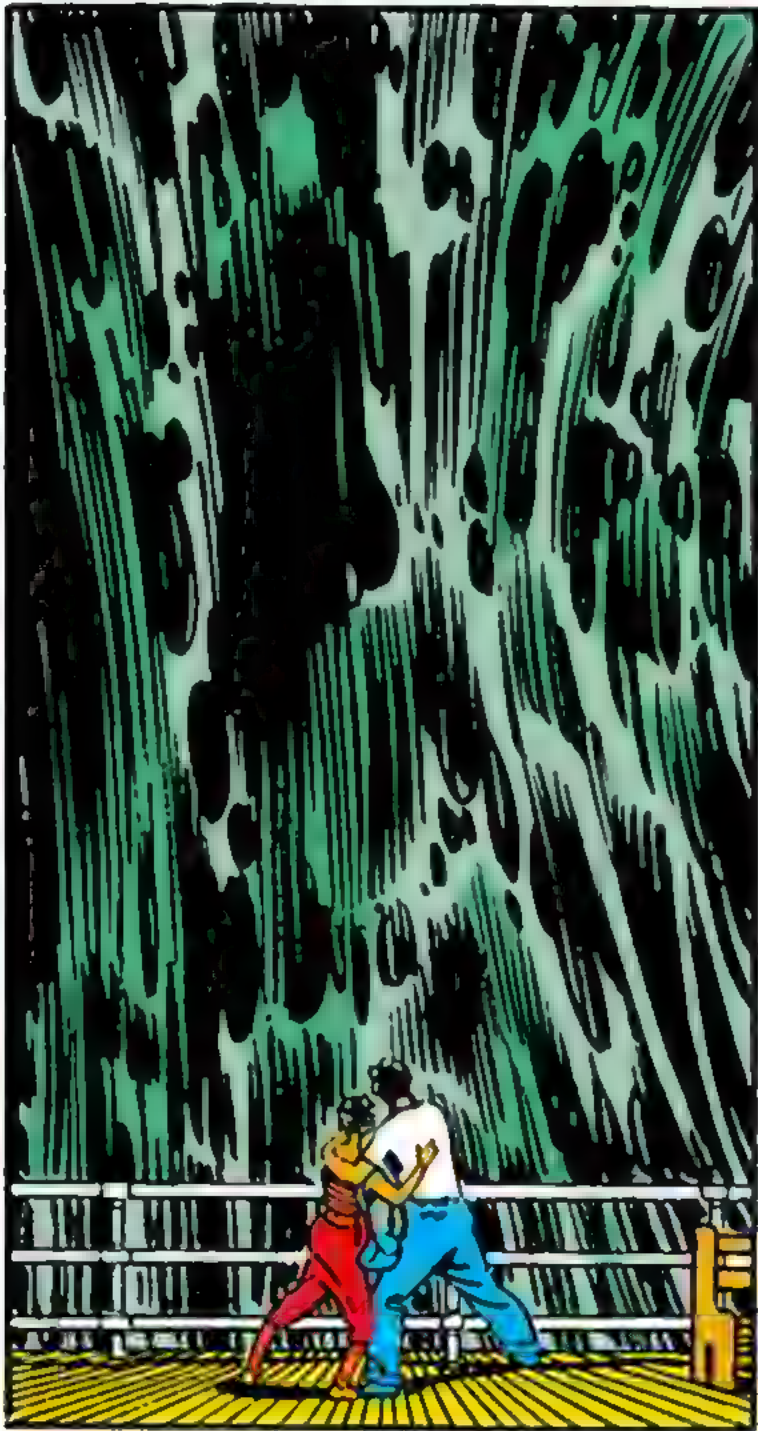
... AND LOOK
UP TO SEE
APPROACHING
DEATH.



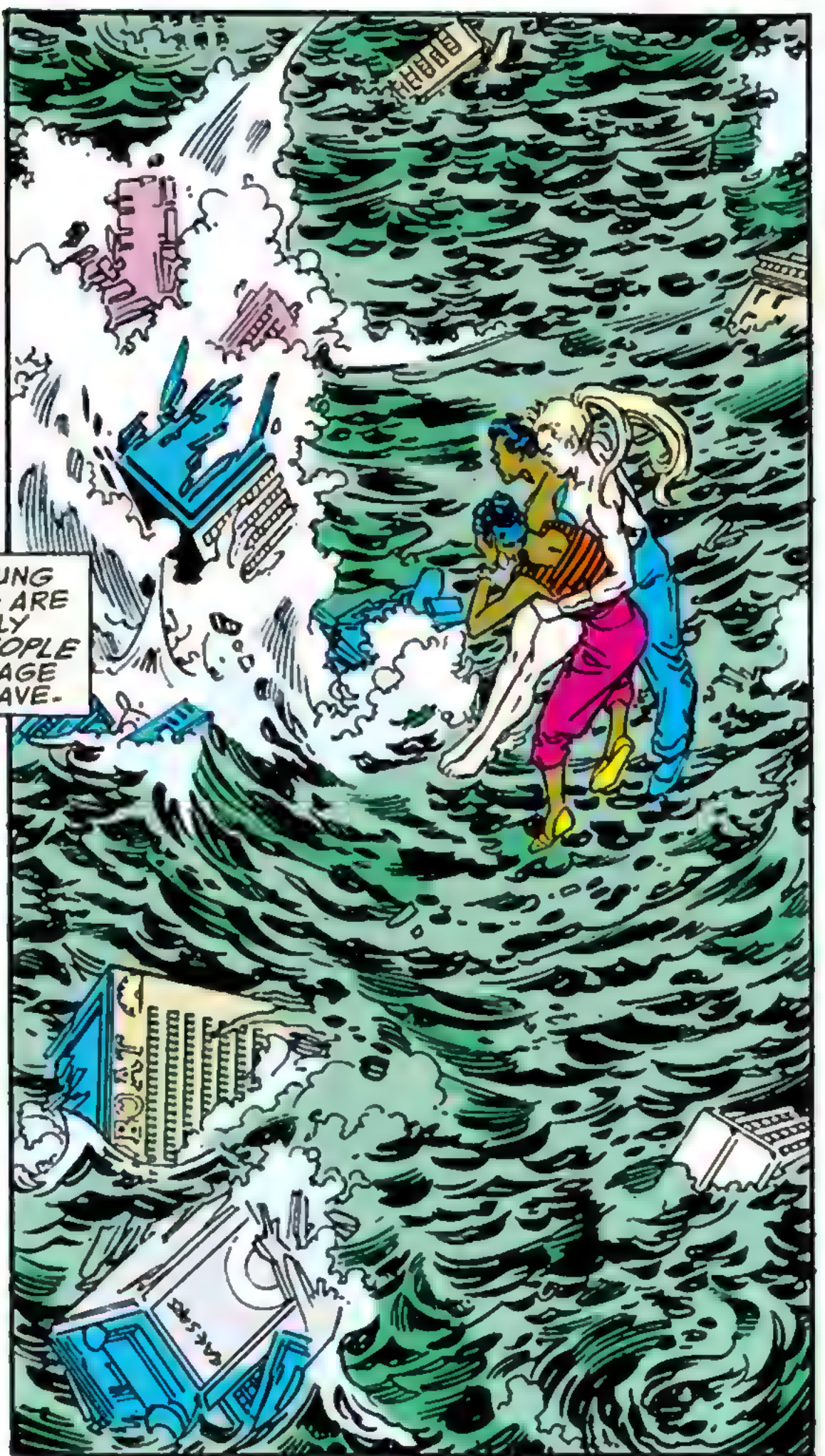
THE WAVE IS
NEARLY A
QUARTER MILE
HIGH.

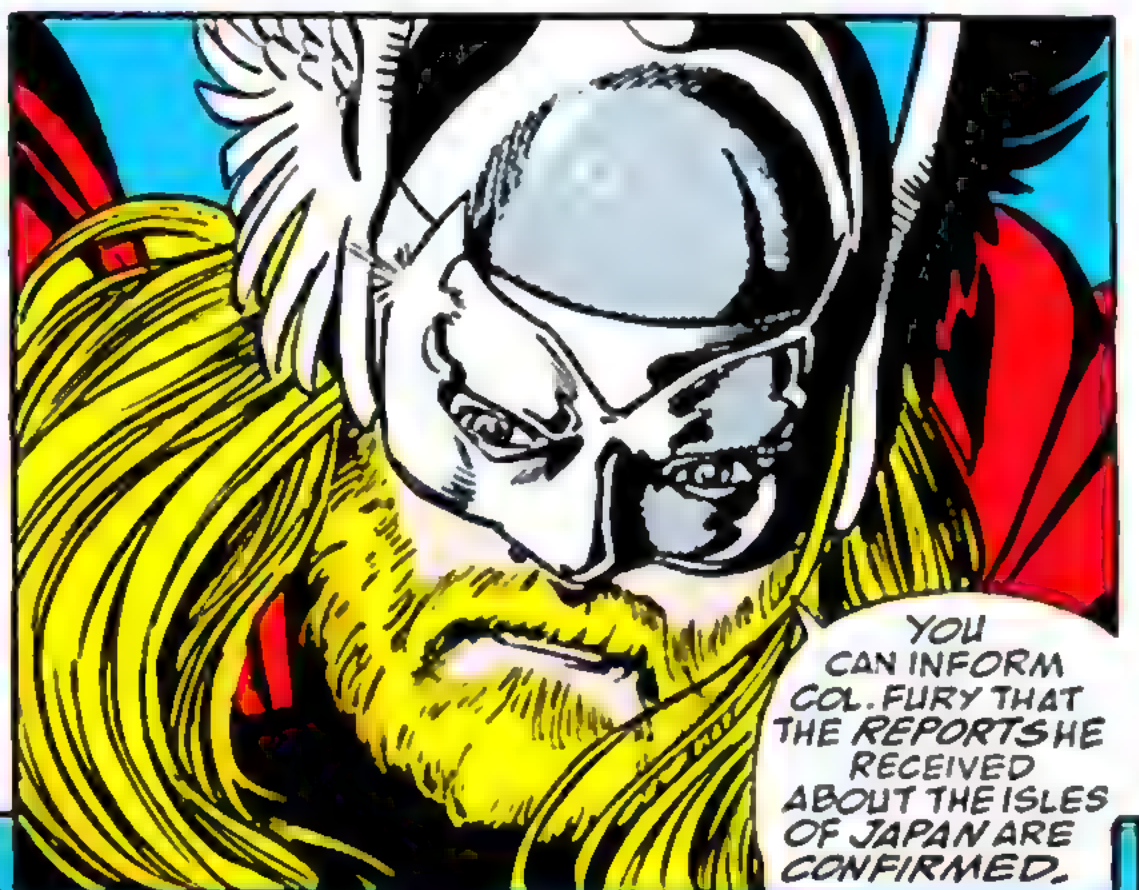
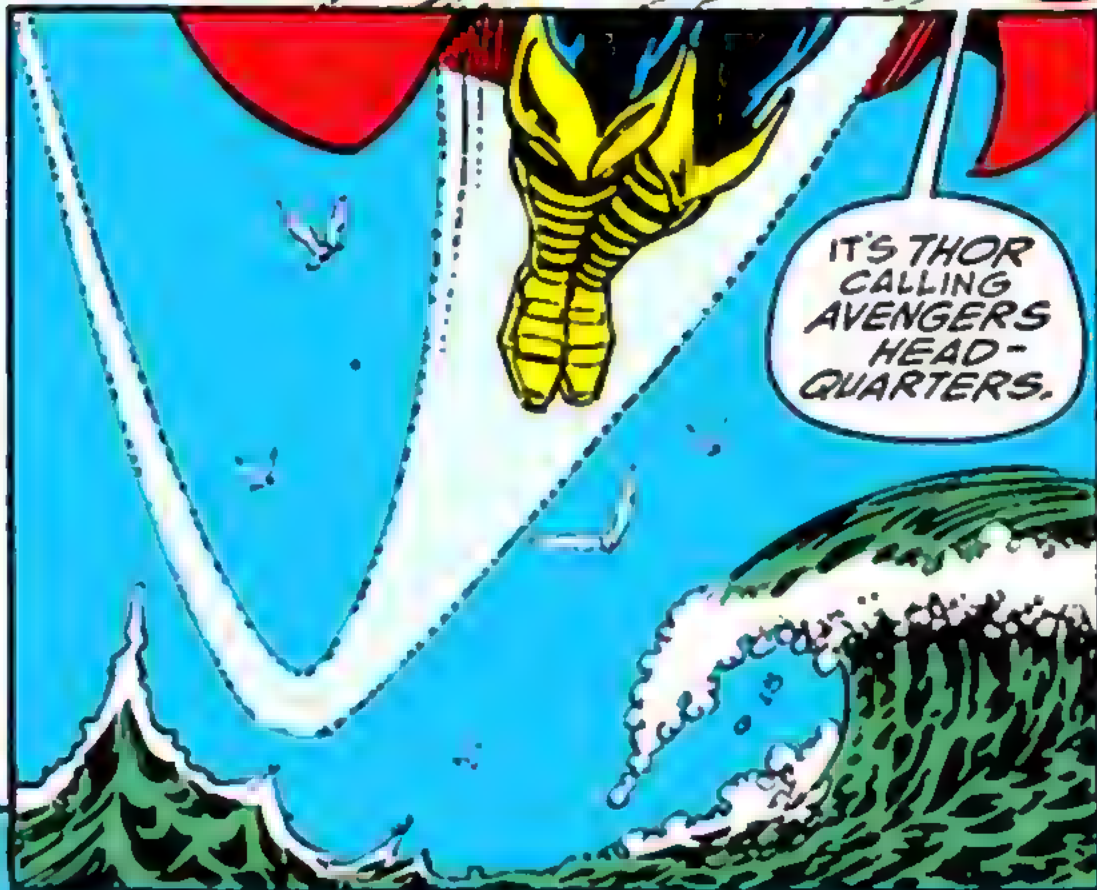
THERE'LL
BE NO
ESCAPING
IT.

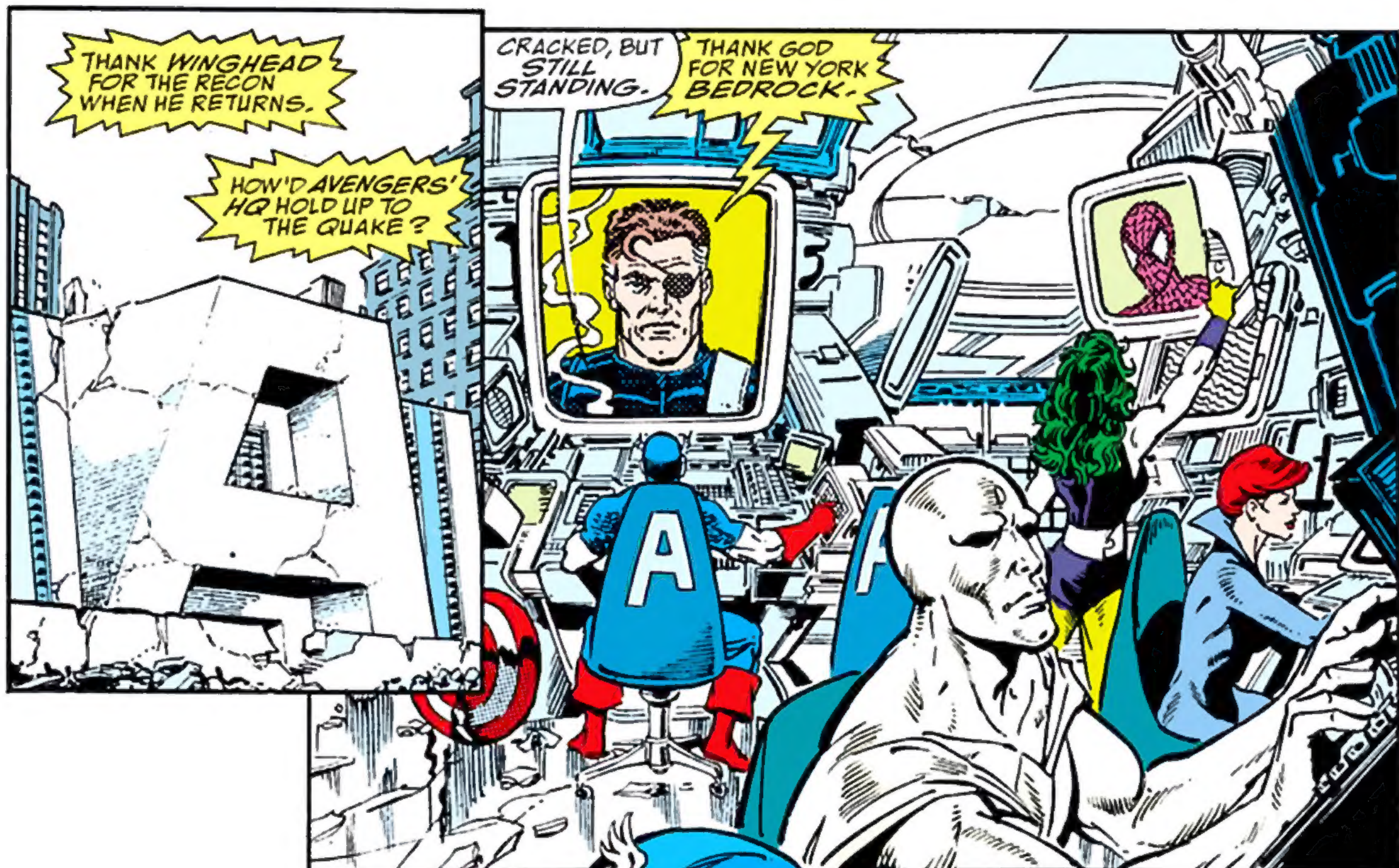




THE YOUNG
LOVERS ARE
THE ONLY
TWO PEOPLE
I MANAGE
TO SAVE.







THANK WINGHEAD FOR THE RECON WHEN HE RETURNS.

HOW'D AVENGERS' HQ HOLD UP TO THE QUAKE?

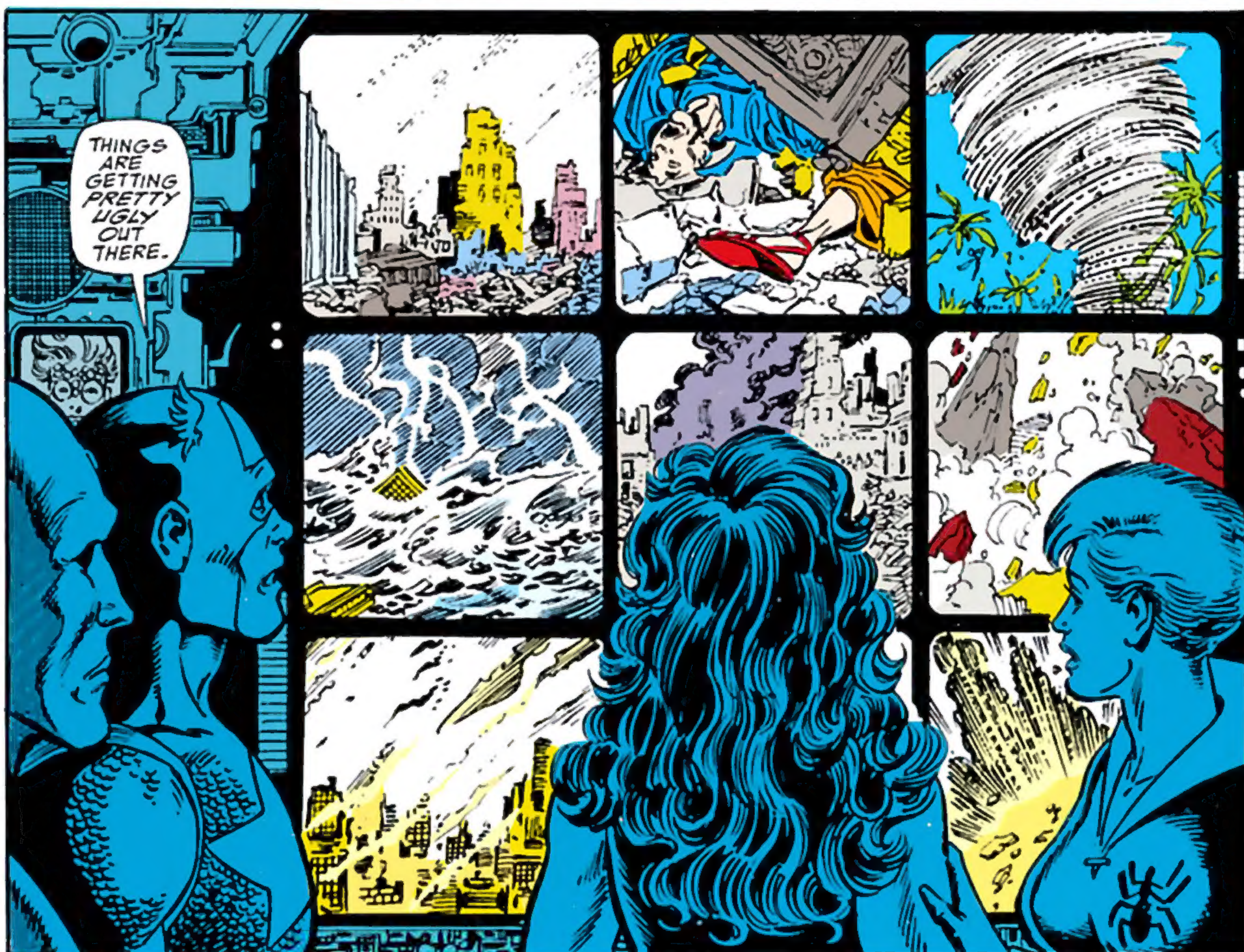
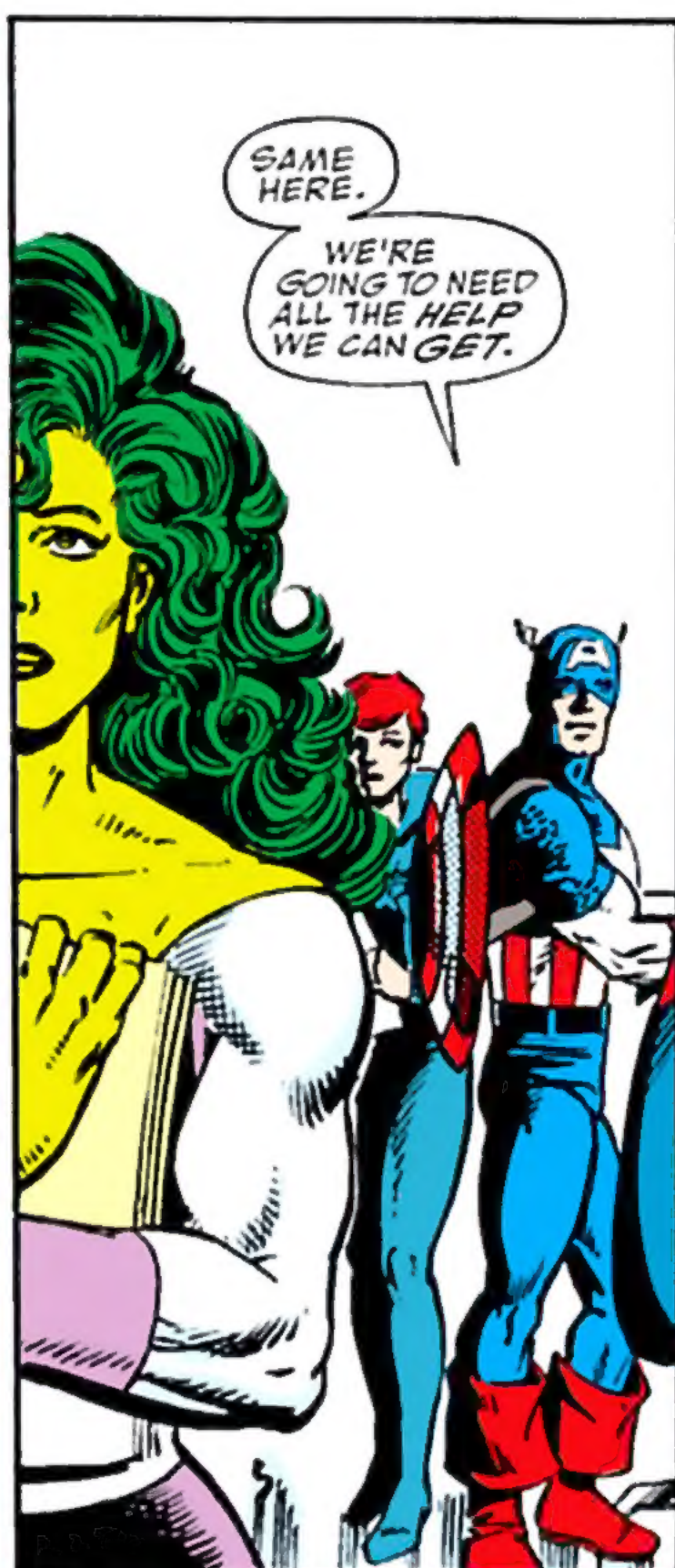
CRACKED, BUT STILL STANDING.

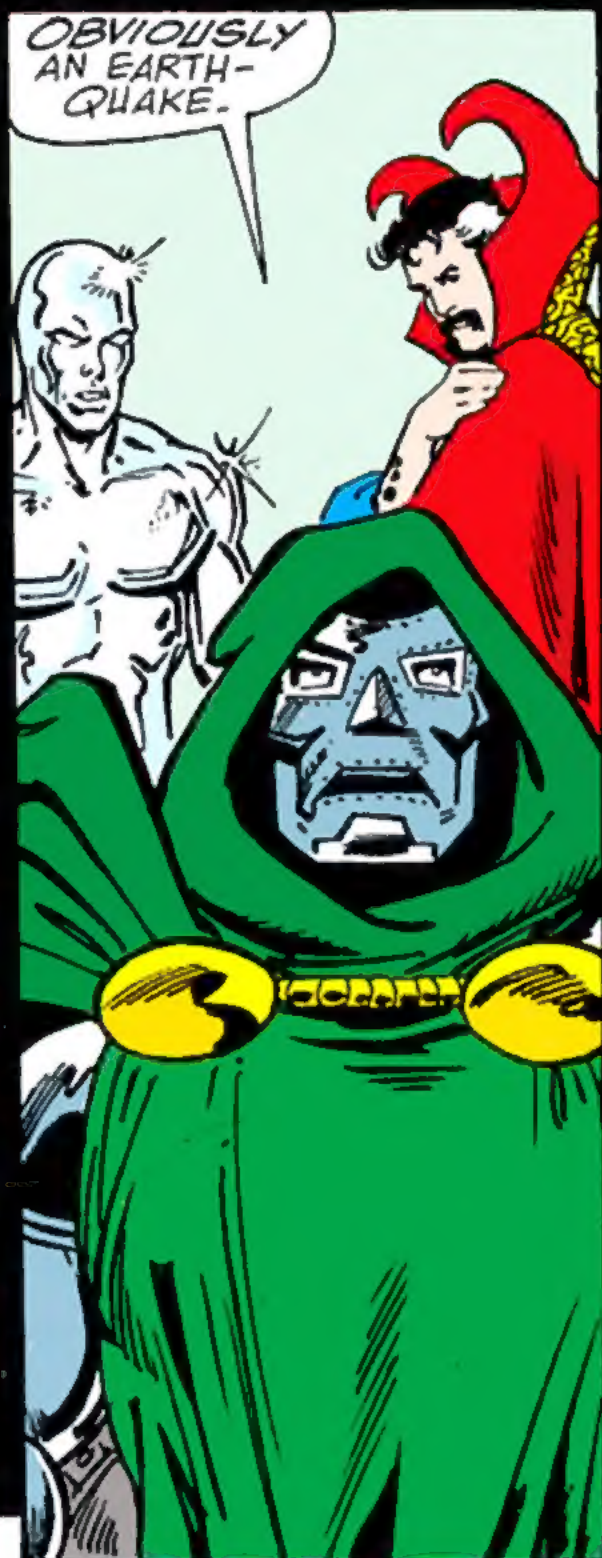
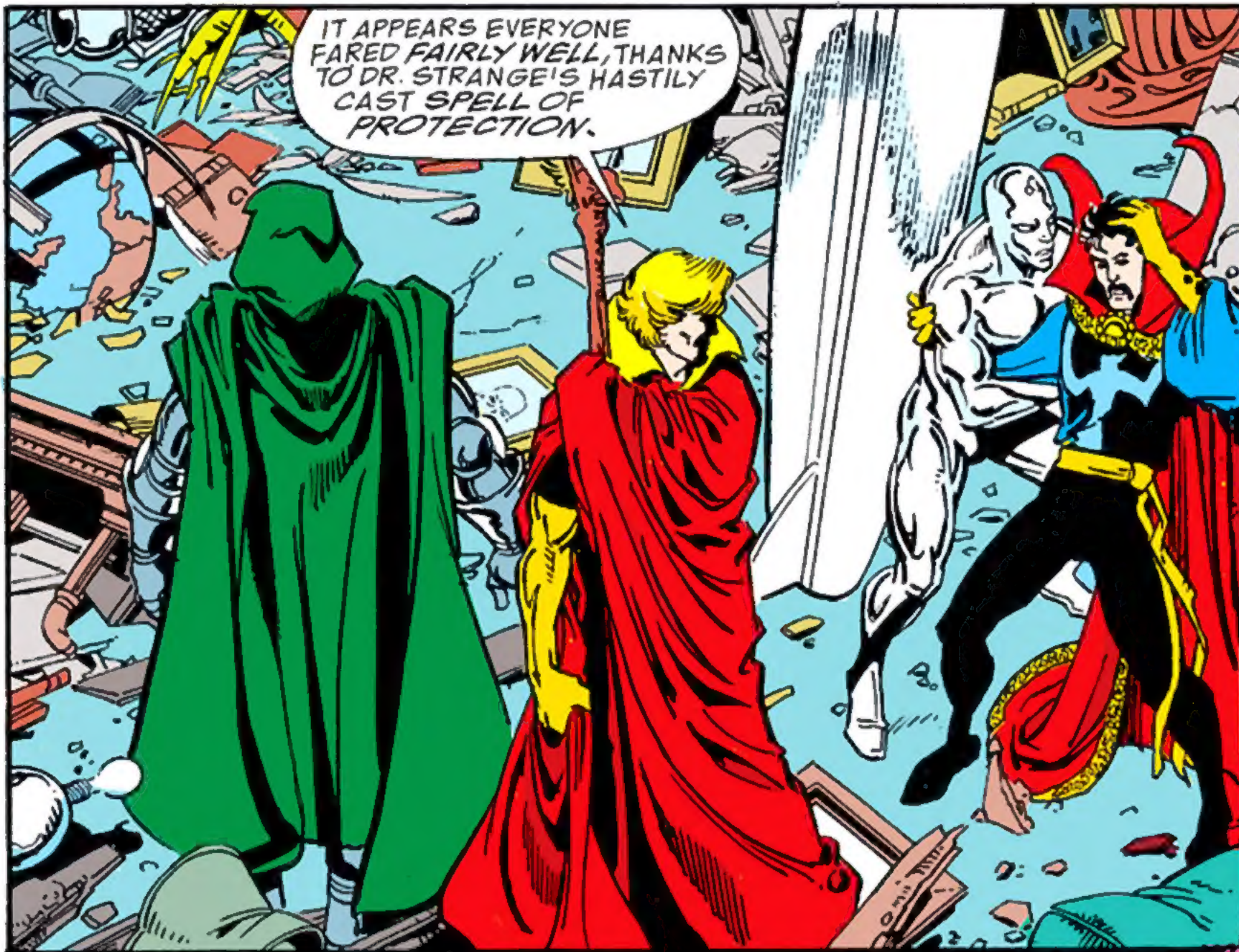
THANK GOD FOR NEW YORK BEDROCK.

WE'RE GEARING UP TO BE THE COM-CENTER FOR ANY PARANORMALS WHO WISH TO HELP DURING THE CRISIS!



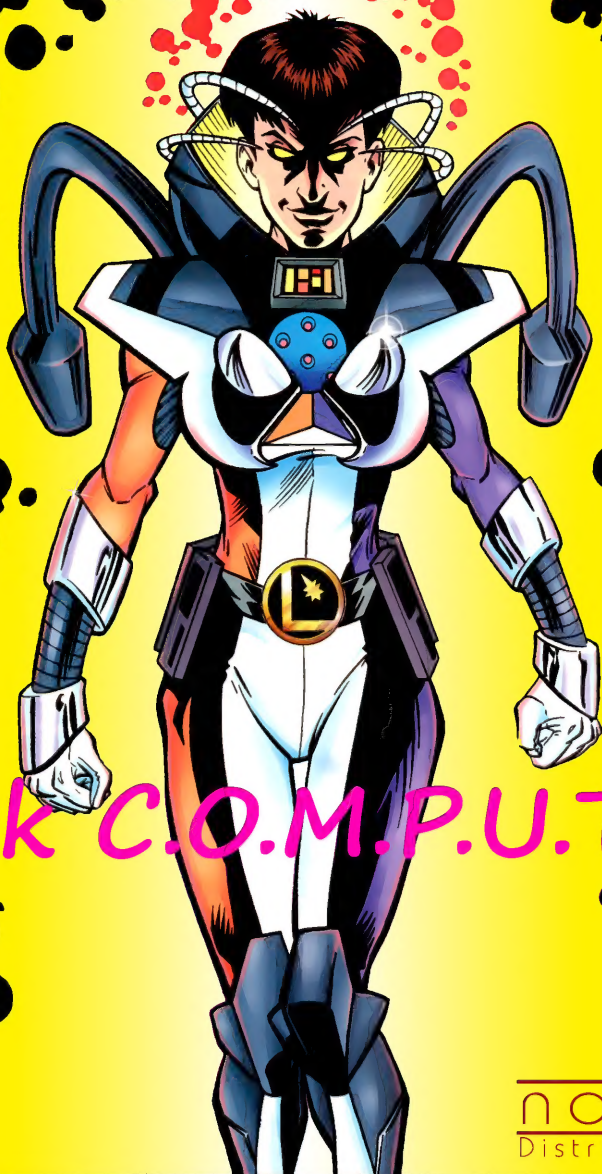
GOOD MOVE. I'LL SPREAD THE WORD. OUT.





EXACTLY.

NEXT:
PREPARATIONS FOR
WAR!



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